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Chapters

Council of Chapter Presidents

¶1 The year 2004–05 was another active one for the Council of Chapter Presidents. The AALL Annual Meeting in Boston provided incoming chapter leadership with numerous opportunities for leadership development. Among these was the annual Professional Development Roundtable. In 2004, the Career Development Task Force organized this educational offering. Effective with the 2005 Annual Meeting, this session has become the responsibility of the council. To assist in planning the 2005 session, the council chair formed an education subcommittee to solicit input from council members. This input resulted in a freshening of the leadership programs to be held in San Antonio.

¶2 One of the greatest resources of the council is its discussion list. The list is the primary means of communication between chapter leaders and provides a forum for discussion of topics as they arise during the year. In 2004–05, council members used the list to discuss topics as widely varied as records retention, chapter and bar association relations, committee charges, tax status, and electronic voting. In addition to hosting member discussion, the list was the delivery mechanism for the council's new electronic newsletter, *Chapter Council Chat*. The *Chat* provided chapter leaders with important announcements and reminders of upcoming deadlines. Christopher Siwa, AALL Web administrator, deserves a special thank you for providing technical assistance with each edition of the *Chat*.

¶3 Other developments in 2004–05 included the reactivation of the chapter education discussion list and a redesign of the chapter biography form. The council chair responded to several inquiries from law librarians wishing to start an AALL chapter. With any luck, the association will approve its thirty-second chapter at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

¶4 The 2005–06 council chair is Beth DiFelice of the Arizona Association of Law Libraries. She was selected in the council's first electronic election. On the horizon, AALL will hold an education summit in September 2005. The summit will bring together chapter and SIS leaders to re-engineer AALL's various professional development offerings. This important project certainly will be the major focus of the council in 2005–06.

Diana C. Jaque, Chair
2004–05

Arizona Association of Law Libraries

¶1 In 2004–05, AzALL's officers were Beth DiFelice, President; Marcy McCahan, Vice President/President-Elect; Markita Martinez, Secretary; Jennifer Murray, Treasurer; Beth Schneider, Past President; and Kris Proskus and Theresa Greco, Members-at-Large. There are seventy current AzALL members, an increase of 26% over 2003–04. Charlotte Henderson received AzALL's Distinguished Member Award in May. Charlotte is the tenth recipient of this award, which has not been given out since 1998.

¶2 A highlight this year was a visit by Genie Tyburski, who spoke about RSS feeds during the January meeting. Other lunchtime program topics were knowledge management (Chad McAllister, LexisNexis), intranets (Sarah Andeen, Greenberg Traurig), and law firm marketing (Kristen Gunlock, Lewis & Roca). Social events included a holiday luncheon at Kincaids in Phoenix and our annual May banquet at Karten's in Tempe, both sponsored by Thomson-West. AALL President Victoria Trotta was our annual banquet speaker.

¶3 AzALL hosted two successful daylong educational programs this year. In December, we held a program on researching patents, with speakers Tyson Winarski (attorney, Steptoe and Johnson), Jackie Shane (University of New Mexico Patent and Trademark Librarian), and Tom Turner (Librarian, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office). In May, we held our annual Legal Research Institute. This daylong event covered basic legal research topics and was attended by law librarians, law library staff, and paralegals.

¶4 Other activities this year included the creation of a new brochure and the awarding of two grants for members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

¶5 Officers for the 2005–06 year are Marcy McCahan, President; Markita Martinez, Vice President/President-Elect; Sarah Morris, Secretary; Jennifer Murray, Treasurer; Beth DiFelice, Past President; and Theresa Greco and Karen Anderson, Members-at-Large.

Beth DiFelice, President
2004–05

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

¶1 ALLUNY members gathered to celebrate the association's fiftieth anniversary in grand style from September 30 through October 2, 2004, in Albany, New York. Both educational programs and social functions alike centered around the theme "ALLUNY at 50: Remembering Our Past, Discovering Our Future." In addition to more traditional programming, tours were offered of the New York Court of Appeals, the New York State Library, and the New York State Legislative Library. Social activities included a dinner cruise aboard the Dutch Apple sailing along the Hudson River. The meeting culminated Saturday with an evening of celebration which began with a festive poolside cocktail reception giving members an opportunity to reminisce with friends and colleagues. The closing banquet was an elegant affair from the ivory linens with gold accessories to the special fiftieth anniversary decorations. Each place setting was embellished with a copy of a proclamation by New York State Governor George E. Pataki recognizing the service of law librarians. Gift bags atop each chair contained confections and a special bottle of wine adorned with an ALLUNY fiftieth anniversary label. Each ALLUNY member also received a special anniversary book full of ALLUNY history compiled by the Archives Committee. As a special touch, President Steve Weiter presented gold chocolate watches to each past president of the association in attendance. AALL President Victoria Trotta addressed the association and joined ALLUNY members in the anniversary celebration.

¶2 The spring institute was held May 6, 2005, at Syracuse University School of Law. The daylong program, “As Close As It Gets: The Law and Your (Very) Private Life,” included presentations on assisted reproductive technologies, do-not-resuscitate orders, and same sex marriage, including its implications for child custody.

¶3 The 2004–05 year was a productive one for officers and the board as well as committee chairs. Efforts continued with the inventory and reorganization of the association’s archives with the intent of providing searchable, digital copies of materials in the archives. Newsletter coeditor Nancy Babb began indexing the online version of the ALLUNY newsletter as well as creating a members-only section of the ALLUNY Web site. For their efforts in producing the chapter’s newsletter, Nancy Babb and coeditor Joe Gerken received the 2005 Excellence in Marketing Award at the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶4 With great sadness, ALLUNY members experienced the heartfelt loss of Katie M. Deveau, wife of ALLUNY member and past president Jay Deveau, in September 2004. Katie was one of those individuals who lent a hand without being asked, often assisting with registration. To honor Katie and her contributions to the association, the board approved an award to acknowledge the volunteer services of members through the Katie M. Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award.

¶5 ALLUNY officers for 2004–05 were Laurie A. Hubbard, President; Alice Askew, Vice President/President-Elect; Judy A. Lauer, Secretary; Jean Callihan, Treasurer; Steven Weiter, Past President; and Charles Finger, Sally Legendre, and Betsy Vipperman, Members-at-Large.

Laurie A. Hubbard, President
2004–05

Atlanta Law Libraries Association

¶1 ALLA officers for the 2004–05 year were Kreig Kitts, President; Grace Crosby, Vice President/President-Elect; Sybil Turner, Secretary; Dionne Lyne-Rowan, Treasurer; and Eleanor Baughman, Member-at-Large.

¶2 Among ALLA activities of note during the year, the association worked to raise awareness of SB 216 in the Georgia General Assembly which would close the State Law Library of Georgia. Association activities resulted in significant news coverage in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* and the *Fulton County Daily Report*. The bill passed the Georgia Senate but was recently recommitted in the House in March.

Kreig Kitts, President
2004–05

Chicago Association of Law Libraries

¶1 CALL enjoyed another year of innovation and professional growth in 2004–05 due to the enthusiasm and efforts of many members. Board members and committee chairs participated in a half-day leadership session in August and a mid-year leadership summit in February. Ideas generated included the formation of a speaker’s

bureau consisting of CALL members, listing articles written by members on the CALL Web site, and outreach through greater public relations efforts and joint educational programming to the state bar and other related organizations.

¶2 CALL conducted five business meetings that featured a diverse and engaging schedule of speakers. At the September meeting, Professor Neil G. Williams of Loyola University discussed the background of *Brown v. Board of Education*. In November, Mary Alice Baish reviewed the activities of the 108th Congress. At the annual joint meeting with SLA Illinois in January, Catherine Sanders Reach of the ABA spoke about digital libraries. In March, Steve Berlin of the Chicago Board of Ethics addressed public confidence in government, and at the annual meeting in May, Judith Gaskell shared her experiences as librarian of the Supreme Court of the United States.

¶3 The Continuing Education Committee coordinated two well-attended workshops: "Law Librarians as Change Agents: How You Can Help Influence Public Policy" and "Cataloging Electronic Legal Resources." In April, the committee inaugurated a series of tours of members' libraries.

¶4 The Internet Committee worked with other committees to expand content in the members-only section of the CALL Web site. New features include presentations by speakers at CALL business meetings and continuing education programs, and an electronic version of the CALL membership directory. Also available in the members-only section is the CALL Policy Log, designed to help the executive board be consistent in future decisions. Board decisions, as recorded in the official minutes, form the basis of the log.

¶5 The Community Services Committee organized several very successful projects that enabled CALL members to bring their contributions to each of the five business meetings. Collected items included school supplies for homeless children, letters for injured U.S. troops in Iraq, goods for the Anti-Cruelty Society, eyeglasses for Lions Clubs' recycling, items needed for U.S. soldiers, and an ongoing Pennies from Heaven campaign for the American Red Cross.

¶6 Frank Drake was the recipient of the 2004–05 Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship, and Kay Collins received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Charles Condon, Julienne Grant, and Lynn Leinartas received CALL grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶7 The CALL Board for 2005–06 consists of Naomi Goodman, President; Mary Lu Linnane, Vice President/President-Elect; Jean Wenger, Past President; Julia Jackson, Secretary; JoAnn Hounshell, Treasurer; and Jamie Stewart and Janice Collins, Directors.

Jean M. Wenger, President
2004–05

Colorado Association of Law Libraries

¶1 In 2004–05, CoALL had a total of ninety-four members, with seventy-one renewals and twenty-three new members.

¶2 CoALL began the year by polling members on their expectations of the chapter. Of those responding, 96.4% expected that membership in CoALL would allow them to attend meetings that educate. In keeping with this goal, members were offered various educational opportunities throughout the year. “Balancing Print with Electronic Resources to Make Your Customers Happy” was offered in September 2004. In October, Chad McAllister of LexisNexis presented “Was I Invited to That Meeting? How to be an Integral Part of KM at Your Firm.” Also in October, CoALL was invited by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado to a demonstration of its new case management electronic case filing system. In March 2005, the members were invited to the office of Faegre & Benson for a seminar designed to enhance their presentation skills, “Practically Perfect Presentations.” Glen Winkel, Priscilla Stultz, and Michael Saint-Onge discussed how to deal with the stress of presenting, how to present to adult learners, and the importance of appearance in an effective presentation.

¶3 For the third year, the Legal Research Corner Committee, with contributions from other CoALL members, continued to produce quality legal research articles for inclusion in the *Colorado Lawyer*, a publication of the Colorado Bar Association. The articles this past year included “Civil Rules Committee and the Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee”; “Using Docket and E-Filing Retrieval Systems for Legal Research”; “Searching Smarter: Finding Legal Resources on the Invisible Web”; and “Basic Indian Law Research Tips—Part 1: Federal Indian Law.” The Legal Research Corner column remains an excellent tool to promote CoALL and law librarians to the Colorado legal community, and also provides a professional writing opportunity for law librarians while sharing valuable research tips with a broad audience.

¶4 In June 2005, CoALL held its fourth annual “Bridge the Research and Analysis Gap” program. Many chapter members helped organize and present the program. Sixty-three attendees—law students, summer associates, and clerks—received information on how to conduct practical research for the first time and a refresher on research skills and resources, developed cost-effective strategies, and were introduced to the practicalities of a legal work environment.

¶5 The officers for the 2005–06 year were introduced at the annual business meeting in June. They are Kaye Waelde, President; Tom Seward, Vice President/President-Elect; Jennifer Hammond, Treasurer; Shannon Vicic, Secretary; and Ann-Marie Wills and Traci Leming, Members-at-Large.

Kaye Waelde, President
2005–06

Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association

¶1 The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary in 2005. The year began with an opening reception held at the Union League of Philadelphia and sponsored by George T. Bisel Law Publishers. Attendees were asked to bring book donations to benefit the A.B. Day Elementary

School. In December two more events were held, an educational program, "I.T. for Librarians, Removing the Magic," presented by Steve Baxter, Systems Engineer from LexisNexis, and the association's holiday party.

¶2 On March 10, 2005, the association gathered at the National Constitution Center to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary with pomp and circumstance. The dinner offered current and past members a chance to network, reminisce with colleagues, and review GPLLA's first thirty-five years with special displays and memorabilia. After the opening remarks from president Jeffrey Kreiling, former presidents Regina Smith and Denise Mines shared recollections of the chapter's history. I was honored to chair this memorable event, and I thank everyone for their help and support.

¶3 For the last several years attendance has continued to grow for GPLLA's six-week basic legal research class held at Jenkins Law Library. These classes are offered to new members of the library community and paraprofessionals. This program was well attended again this year as new professionals entered the field of legal research. The First Friday brown-bag luncheons also continued this year with monthly roundtable discussions held at one of the local law libraries. The topics included management, reference, marketing, and dealing with vendors and staff.

¶4 Finally, GPLLA wrapped up the year with its annual institute and business meeting which was held at the Widener University School of Law. The main speaker was Professor Siva Vaidhyanathan of New York University. He discussed several topics, including "Fair Use Is Neither Fair Nor Useful" and "The Global Information Ecosystem." Anne Myers visited the chapter on behalf of AALL, discussing changes that are taking place at AALL. During the business meeting, the members voted for a new slate of officers for 2005–06: Jessica Carey, Vice President/President-Elect; Tracey Rich, Secretary; Jennifer Brank, Treasurer; Alvin Dong, Bonnie Shalala, and Mary Alice Peeling, Directors-at-Large. Continuing on the board are Katrina Piechnik and Janet Lindenmuth, Directors-at-Large; and Jeffrey Kreiling, Past President.

Victor Panieczko, President
2005–06

Houston Area Law Libraries

¶1 HALL offered many educational opportunities to members in 2004–05, but two were particularly useful and interesting. The first, "Strangers in the Stacks—Xers and Millennials in the Library," focused on the Generation X and the Millennials groups and the forces that influence shape their viewpoints on life. Those viewpoints affect how they conduct themselves at work and the things that motivate them. Understanding the myths and the realities of each generation helps us to understand the interactive dynamics of different generations within our workplace.

¶2 The second program was HALL's spring seminar on "Legal Trends and Resources." It was particularly useful to librarians interested in new trends in the legal field, covering five topics: (1) Researching Health Law; (2) Energy Law:

Overview of Texas Electricity Restructuring; (3) Texas Online and E-Filing; (4) Corporate Compliance: How It Is Affected by New Sentencing Guidelines, and (5) Chinese Law on SARS. For Texas librarians, the e-filing topic was particularly relevant because Harris County now requires all attorneys to do e-filing, starting in May 2005.

¶3 The other programs presented by HALL during the year were “AALL Recap,” “Will You Be Working Late Again Tonight?” “Law Firm Economics” (half-day seminar), “Identity Theft,” “22 Essentials for Public Speaking,” report from AALL Executive Board Member Anne Myers, and Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

¶4 One unresolved issue that will face HALL in 2005–06 is electronic voting. HALL presented its Volunteer of the Year Award to Susan Spillman, and grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to Mary Ann Wacker and Susan Spillman.

¶5 HALL officers for 2004–05 were Trisha Fabugais, President; Kimberly Serna, Vice President/President-Elect; Mary Ann Wacker, Secretary; Caren Luckie, Treasurer; and Maggie Crowley and Tracy Timmons, Members-at-Large.

¶6 HALL officers for 2005–06 are Kimberly Serna, President; Susan Spillman, Vice President/President-Elect; Michele Lucero, Secretary; Caren Luckie, Treasurer; Tracy Timmons and Peter J. Egler, Members-at-Large, and Trisha Fabugais, Past President.

Trisha Fabugais, President
2004–05

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin

¶1 LLAW experienced many highlights this year. In December 2004, President Ted Potter accepted a new position out of state and Vice President Beverly Butula became president. Bonnie Shucha, Carol Schmitt, and Connie Von Der Heide diligently revised the association’s bylaws and procedure manual. The membership approved the new bylaws in the spring. And the Public Access Committee, chaired by Paula Seeger, began an outstanding survey project to identify the availability of legal resources at public libraries.

¶2 The Program Committee, chaired by Bev Butula and Diane Medcalf, planned five successful meetings during the year. The Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau spoke on its services and library. Rick Hendricks, a past LLAW president, enchanted us with stories of “Weird Wisconsin” and the research conducted for his book. Professor Tom Lipinski of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee provided an update on copyright issues. The fourth meeting topic, “The State of Public Libraries,” offered a great opportunity to learn more about the issues faced by public librarians. The final program of the year, cohosted with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, was an evening of fun and laughter as we attended a ComedySportz show.

¶3 LLAW members continued to be prolific writers, with several articles published in a variety of legal publications, including the *Wisconsin Lawyer* and

Wisconsin Law Journal. Thanks to Publications Chair Carol Bannen, this program has continued to flourish. Since 2002, LLAW has published more than fifty articles! The Website Committee, chaired by Amy Gannaway, assisted greatly in the success of this program by assuring that links were available online and the bibliography kept up to date.

¶4 LLAW had a presence throughout the community this year. Many members spoke at educational conferences, seminars, and training sessions. One highlight of the Public Relations Committee, chaired by Kellee Selden-Huston, was scheduling LLAW members to present a session at the Wisconsin Library Association conference. Library school liaisons Amy Thornton, Laura Olson Dugan, and Laura La Rose made sure that students were aware of law librarianship and our upcoming meetings.

¶5 Thanks to the Newsletter Committee chairs, Julia Jaet, Jim Mumm, and Bev Butula, LLAW published four exceptional newsletter issues in 2004–05. The newsletters are available in PDF format on the LLAW Web site.

¶6 The Membership Committee, chaired by Carol Schmitt, welcomed nine new members this year, bringing total membership to 110. The Government Relations Committee, chaired by Tony Chan, monitored legislation relevant to the profession. The Grants Committee, chaired by Amy Thornton, awarded AALL grants this year to Bev Butula and Mary Mahoney. The Placement Committee, chaired by Liz Shelton, monitored and posted new positions and worked on a salary survey.

¶7 LLAW officers for 2005–06 are Beverly Butula, President; Diane Duffey, Vice President/President-Elect; Bonnie Shucha, Past President; Kellee Selden-Huston, Secretary; and Jim Mumm, Treasurer.

Beverly Butula, President
2004–05

Law Librarians of New England

¶1 During 2004–05, the Law Librarians of New England were unusually busy conducting many activities in addition to our regular chapter programs. Through the dedication of its members, LLNE accomplished everything that it set out to do this year and much more. The law firms Bowditch & Dewey and Mirick O’Connell teamed with the Worcester Law Library of the Massachusetts Trial Court to host the fall 2004 program, “Yankee Ingenuity, Doing More with Less” taught members how to successfully manage the new financial realities in our libraries and institutions. Harvard Law School Library hosted the spring 2005 program, “International Justice in the Time of Terrorism,” which provided great information about the law and research tools for this topic.

¶2 Committee composition changed significantly in 2004–05. A new Archives and History Committee was created to review and document LLNE’s tradition of excellence and to ensure that its present activities and accomplishments are documented for posterity. Activities and members of the Communications Committee were transferred to the Membership Development Committee since recruitment efforts were more properly performed by that committee.

¶3 The Scholarships Committee, chaired by Margaret Cianfarini, awarded scholarships for both local meetings and two scholarships for the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The committee also developed a scholarship for library school or law school students who show promise as future law librarians. The first scholarship will be awarded for fall 2005.

¶4 Pat Newcombe and Barbara West led the Service Committee in promoting many volunteer and community service activities for our members. A spring drive for Dress for Success resulted in a wealth of donations to that organization. Members also contributed their time and money to causes such as the NAMI Walkathon.

¶5 The Communications Committee, led by Diane D'Angelo, continued to develop the LLNE Web site, discussion forum, and newsletter. New newsletter columns included technology and research tips sections. The LLNE blog, created by newsletter editors Sharon Persons and Susan Vaughn, made its debut in December 2004 as the first blog produced by an AALL chapter. The Public Relations Subcommittee developed new promotional materials that incorporated the new LLNE logo.

¶6 Revisions to the constitution and bylaws, led by Susan Sullivan, took a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the executive committee and committee chairs. These changes led LLNE to complete the incorporation process and to file for federal tax exempt status.

¶7 Treasurer Juliana Hayden and Education Director Susan D. Zago completed their two-year terms on the Executive Committee. A slate of new officers was elected at the LLNE business meeting in San Antonio in July. The Executive Committee for 2005–06 are Michelle Pearse, President; David Turkalo, Vice President/President-Elect; Raquel Ortiz, Past President; Anne C. Peters, Treasurer; Kathleen D. Fletcher, Secretary; and Elaine Apostola and Rebecca Engsborg, Education Directors.

Raquel M. Ortiz, President
2004–05

Law Librarians of Puget Sound

¶1 The Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS), celebrating its fifteenth year as a chapter, embarked on an ambitious analysis of its mission in 2004–05. President Richard Jost created a provisional Futures Committee to do the following during his tenure: explore selected issues facing the chapter in its fifteenth year, survey the membership regarding those issues and other topics, and compile recommendations for executive board review and membership action.

¶2 The membership of the committee reflected a range of library types, geographic locations, and chapter involvement. The major activity of the Futures Committee in 2004–05 was the design and compilation of a membership survey that contained thirty-four questions designed to elicit member feedback in these areas: chapter news, publications, and announcements; chapter membership; chapter meetings; chapter programs; and community service. The survey was sent out to the membership in May 2005; the Futures Committee will continue its work into

next year for final resolution of the issues raised and adoption of any necessary bylaw changes.

¶3 LLOPS enjoyed some outstanding educational programs this past year, including “Reinventing Your Library through Marketing” by Blythe McCoy; “A Look Inside Prison and Jail Libraries” by Jill Stephens, Paul Sewell, and Mary Hotchkiss; “Generational Differences in the Workplace” by Julie Webster Matthews; and “Getting Current with RSS” by Mike Buschman and Rita Kaiser. In addition, LLOPS hosted a chapter visit from Executive Board Member Kathy Carlson and finished out the year with a panel presentation by LLOPS past presidents.

¶4 The Professional Development Committee, chaired by Tim Sheehy, planned an excellent follow-up program to last year’s workshop on substantive areas of law. The program, held at the new Ninth Circuit Court Library, included immigration law, tax law, maritime law, and bankruptcy.

¶5 The Grants and Scholarships Committee awarded three grants to local University of Washington Information School students for the AALL Annual Meeting, CONELL, and the LLOPS Professional Development Workshop.

¶6 *LLOPS Cited*, the chapter newsletter, was published primarily in electronic form and sent to the membership via e-mail. It was also placed on the LLOPS Web site and posted to the LLOPS discussion list after the membership received copies via e-mail.

¶7 The LLOPS Executive Board for 2004–05 consisted of Richard Jost, President; Ann Hemmens, Vice President/President-Elect; Jan Lawrence, Past President; Kim Ositis, Secretary; and Catherine Horan, Treasurer.

Richard Jost, President
2004–05

Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C.

¶1 The Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C., opened its sixty-fifth anniversary year with a gala celebration at the National Press Club on October 21, 2005. Joining members for the festivities was AALL President Victoria Trotta, who congratulated LLSDC on sixty-five years of excellence and leadership in the law librarianship profession. Earlier in the day as part of her chapter visit, President Trotta held a forum for LLSDC members to discuss AALL strategic planning efforts and to solicit comments regarding trends in the legal profession and law librarianship.

¶2 The Town Hall Meeting, the society’s annual business meeting, was held March 23, 2005, at the George Washington University School of Law. The agenda included discussion of proposed amendments to the bylaws that would allow future elections to be conducted by electronic voting. Members subsequently approved these amendments during the 2005 election. At that meeting, members present also approved a dues increase for LLSDC, the first since 1993.

¶3 In 2004–05, the society’s committees, special interest sections, and focus groups sponsored a wide range of excellent educational, professional, and social

events. Highlights included a four-part brown-bag luncheon series on “Information Law and Policy in the Digital Age”; the Joint Spring Workshop, held at the Library of Congress on Friday, April 15, 2005, on “Information Organization for the 21st Century: Taxonomies, Ontologies, and the Semantic Web”; the award-winning two-day Legal Research Institute, held at Georgetown University Law Center on March 8–9, 2005; and the Federal Law Librarians’ SIS Agency Day, held on May 25, 2005. Finally, the society hosted its Sandy Peterson Memorial Lecture at the Supreme Court on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Guest speaker Siva Vaidhyanathan spoke on “How Fair and Useful Is Fair Use.”

¶4 In 2005, LLSDC also unveiled a seventh edition of its *General Legal Publications (GLP) Union List*. The new edition is accessible via the Internet and provides users with the capability of sending e-mail requests and ILL forms directly from the online union list. LLSDC would like to thank Keith Gabel for his work in bringing this project to fruition.

¶5 The year culminated in the annual closing banquet, which was held on May 25, 2005, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Society volunteers were honored for their service over the year, and new members of the Executive Board for 2005–06 were installed: Elizabeth LeDoux, President; Jennifer Dollar, Treasurer; Heather Rories, Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect; Carla Evans, Corresponding Secretary; and Joan Sherer, Board Member.

Herb Somers, President
2004–05

Law Libraries Association of Alabama

¶1 The Law Libraries Association of Alabama had another great year, providing members with year-round networking opportunities as well as informative educational sessions at its semiannual meetings. Meetings this year were well attended, and the program committee members planned two very successful educational programs.

¶2 The fall meeting was held on November 19, 2004. It was hosted by Becky Clapp and the staff of the Cumberland School of Law Library of Samford University in Birmingham. Educational sessions featured a videotape on time management followed by a panel discussion on the topic by librarians representing court and law firm libraries—panel members included Virginia Hare, Kathryn Kerchof, Donna Phillips, and John Hightower as moderator. Hightower then gave a lively presentation on billable hours and how to leverage time to make yourself more valuable to your firm. Tim Lewis provided an update on the Alabama State Bar’s offering of the Casemaker research system to all its members by mid-2005.

¶3 The spring meeting on May 13, 2005, was hosted by James Leonard and the staff of the Bounds Law Library of the University of Alabama School of Law. Educational sessions included an update by Penny Davis of the Alabama Law Institute on ALI’s activities and work with the Alabama Legislature on important and model legislation; an informative presentation on law firm economics

by Blythe McCoy of Thomson/West; and a presentation by Barbara Dahlbach of Gorgas Information Services, University of Alabama, on the history, setup, and implementation of the Alabama Virtual Library.

¶4 Officers for 2005–06 are Janice Franks, President; John Hightower, Vice President/President-Elect; Lanie Williamson, Secretary; and Edward L. Craig, Jr., Treasurer.

Janice Franks, Vice President/President-Elect
2004–05

Law Library Association of Greater New York

¶1 LLAGNY had a very busy year in its sixty-sixth year of existence. The focus this year was on educational programs and increasing member participation. Membership increased from 580 members to 700 by May 2005.

¶2 The year began with a leadership program attended by all thirty committee cochairs and ten board members. Everyone got to hear how the committees were going to work this year.

¶3 The vendor community provided outstanding support as always. We were able to offer many educational programs, using new locations, and the holiday party and June Dinner. Thanks to Elaine Egan and Janet Accardo, Corporate Sponsorship cochairs, and Judy Dhanraj and Karen Provost, Special Events cochairs. Thanks also to West, LexisNexis, Dialog, Global Securities, CCH, and Institutional Investor for their support.

¶4 Educational Committee cochairs Kathleen McLeod and Tom Eikenbrod provided members with eight varied programs, the most popular of which were “Online Access to Government Documents,” “Legislative History Overview,” and “Effective Negotiation Strategies for Purchasing Information Resource Contracts.” Half of the programs were presented by vendors and half by LLAGNY members; one, “The Importance and Consequences of Copyright in the Digital Environment” presented by Laura Gasaway, was jointly sponsored with the Special Library Association of New York.

¶5 The LLAGNY Government Relations Committee responded quickly to AALL’s call for assistance in convincing GPO to reconsider its decision to limit print distribution to federal depository libraries, and to provide materials in appropriate formats. A draft letter was sent to LLAGNY members, and committee chair Laird Ehlert sent letters to Senators Clinton and Schumer on behalf of LLAGNY.

¶6 Based on a survey of the Dallas and New Jersey chapters conducted by the LLAGNY Board in 2003–04, it was decided to proceed with an online union list, as opposed to other options for making the list electronically available. The board at the end of this year has voted to have the union list placed on the Web site, available only to members of LLAGNY.

¶7 The June dinner meeting was held on the Mega Yacht Horizon, a cruise around Lower Manhattan. The special guest was AALL Secretary Catherine Lemann.

¶8 Officers for 2005–06 are Heidi Marie Bliss, President; Marsha Pront, Vice President/President-Elect; Kristine Krelick, Secretary; Patricia Barbone, Treasurer; David Merkin, Past President; and Anthony Cocuzzi, Mark Zalek, Tania Danielson, Bonnie Schwartz, and Ralph Monaco, Board Members.

David Merkin, President
2004–05

Law Library Association of Maryland

¶1 Officers for 2004–05 were Joan Bellistri, President; Scott Stevens, Vice President/President-Elect; Kathleen Sweeney, Treasurer; and Errin Roby, Secretary. LLAM's membership remains steady at ninety-two, and the financial condition continues to be healthy.

¶2 LLAM's brown-bag lunchtime programs consisted of "Enoch Pratt's Telephone Reference and Night Owl Services: Resources for Law Librarians and the Public," at which resources available at the Maryland State Library Resource Center were demonstrated; "Desktop and Internet Search Tools"; and "Preservation, Preservation and Repair," which covered the preservation of books and computer files and book repair. At "Law, Logs and Power of Blogs" librarians learned about blogs and then participated in a hands-on activity that resulted in the creation of LLAM's blog.

¶3 LLAM was honored by the attendance of Chief Judge Robert M. Bell of the Maryland Court of Appeals at the annual holiday party in Annapolis. During the short business meeting at this event members approved a bylaw change that added a retired membership category.

¶4 The LLAM year ends with the SpringFling and annual meeting where election results are announced officially and the new board is introduced. Officers for 2005–06 will be Scott Stevens, President; Patricia Behles, Vice President/President-Elect; Kathleen Sweeney, Treasurer; and Janet Camillo, Secretary.

¶5 To prepare for its participation in the Northeast Regional meeting in 2007, LLAM appointed a committee chaired by Jim Gernert. Other ongoing projects include the revival of the consulting committee and the review and revision of the strategic plan. The newsletter, now published online and in print, has a great new look. Procedure guidelines for each office and committee have been submitted by this year's board for creation of a LLAM procedure manual. The Archives Committee is organizing material for gaps found in the holdings for LLAM at AALL Archives.

¶6 LLAM submitted written testimony in support of continued funding of the library and librarian position in the Department of Natural Resources to the Maryland House Transportation and Environment Subcommittee of the Maryland Legislature. Both the funding and position subsequently were reinstated in the DNR budget.

¶7 In September 2004, LLAM participated in a conference, "Maryland Libraries: Building Alliances," sponsored by the Maryland Advisory Council of Libraries to address the future of all Maryland libraries.

¶8 This year LLAM nominated member Mike Miller, retiring director of the Maryland State Law Library, for AALL's Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented to him at the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. LLAM, through member Pam Gregory, retiring director of the Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library, nominated the Maryland's Peoples Law Library for AALL's Public Access to Government Award. This award was also presented in San Antonio. Finally, LLAM also congratulates member Steve Anderson on his election to the AALL Executive Board for 2005–06.

Joan M. Bellistri, President
2004–05

Michigan Association of Law Libraries

¶1 In May 2004, MichALL celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary in grand style at its annual meeting held at Wayne State University in downtown Detroit. Forty-seven MichALL members from all over the state attended the meeting. The excellent turnout was due in part to there being no charge to members, but the four educational programs on exciting digitization projects being conducted by the Michigan Institute of Continuing Education, Law Library Microform Consortium, State of Michigan, GPO, and Wayne State University were also an attraction. The program ended with a tour of the law library and a demonstration of Wayne State's two mobile wireless carts for classroom instruction.

¶2 A very interesting discussion about how to make MichALL a more vibrant association occurred during the membership business meeting. Several ideas were presented, including holding more social meetings, increasing the utilization of the Web site via RSS feeds, and reinvigorating the newsletter with new sections.

¶3 The MichALL Executive Board paid attention to all these ideas and to the loud demand for more and varied activities. Since May 2004, the board met regularly to plan a busy schedule of educational and social activities for MichALL members. The board included Barbara Bonge, Treasurer; Larissa Sullivant and June VanWingen, Members-at-Large; Pat Parker, Vice President; Christopher Bloodworth, Secretary; Jeanne Stuart, Past President; Anne Cottongim, Volunteer-at-Large; and Michael Samson, President.

¶4 In October 2004, the Executive Board had its first ever "family retreat" at the Shanty Creek Resort & Club in Northern Michigan. In November, MichALL members gathered for a delicious dinner at the Tuscan House in Dexter, where they also said good-bye to Linda and Or Smith, who retired from their jobs as law librarians and from more than twenty years of service for MichALL. In December, members participated in an educational program on RSS technology and its use for aggregation and syndication of government information; this program was put together in collaboration and with the cosponsorship of the GODORT of Michigan and Thomson/West.

¶5 Since January 2004, the MichALL Web site has offered distribution of all its news in real-time via RSS technology. The electronic newsletter now includes two

new sections: “Law School Library News” and “Technology Corner.” New sections covering firm, county, and court libraries are being considered for future editions.

¶6 The Executive Board also spent the past year reviewing the MichALL Constitution, making changes to provide opportunities to work, communicate, and decide important association issues through the latest Internet technology: online surveys, electronic voting, and blogging current news. The amended constitution allows votes by e-mail, changes the nomination schedule, and provides a grant for the vice president/president-elect to attend the Chapter Leadership Training at the AALL Annual Meeting.

Michael Samson, President
2004–05

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

¶1 MAALL’s year begins with the annual meeting in October. The 2004–05 year started quite successfully with a joint meeting with the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries, held in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme was “The Future is Now”; the keynote speaker was Dennis Kennedy. Members attended the fourteen educational programs, participated in local library tours, and enjoyed a reception at the historic State Law Library of Iowa as well as a tour of the building. AALL Executive Board Member Kathie Sullivan attended the full conference (fitting in as if she’d always been a member of either chapter) and presented a message from the Board. The Local Arrangements Committee set a new standard of excellence for the chapter.

¶2 On behalf of the membership, the MAALL Executive Board donated \$500 to the Library Disaster Relief Fund which is being used to help rebuild the libraries damaged or destroyed by the tsunami that occurred in southeast Asia in December 2004.

¶3 Early in the year, the president appointed a Special Committee on Annual Meeting Policies. Chaired by Mary Kay Jung and including members Susan Goldner, Susan Lerdal, and Richard Leiter, the committee was charged with recommending policies addressing issues that frequently require ad hoc decisions as the annual meeting is being planned. The committee presented recommendations to the board which were voted on when it met at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶4 In other committee news, the Service to the Public Committee compiled information on public access in member libraries, which was posted on the chapter’s Web site. Stefanie Pearlman took on the position of chair of the Newsletter Committee and newsletter editor; she published three issues. In the first six months of the year, the Placement Committee posted 108 jobs to the MAALL discussion list.

¶5 Outgoing board members were Susan Goldner, Past President, and Charles Condon, Secretary. Board members for 2004–05 were Janet McKinney, President; Brian Striman, Vice President/President-Elect; Kay Andrus, Past President; Sharon Kern, Treasurer; and Lorraine Lorne, Secretary.

¶6 MAALL will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary as a chapter of AALL at the annual meeting October 6–8, 2005, at the University of North Dakota. The theme will be “MAALL—Great Past, Grand Future.”

Janet McKinney, President
2004–05

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

¶1 MALL won the 2004–05 AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for its training program funded by a Bill and Melinda Gates Grant. The purpose of the training is to introduce nonlaw librarians to free legal sources. The program was the result of an extraordinary degree of member involvement by people who developed and wrote the curriculum, trained the trainers, and presented the program to librarians throughout greater Minnesota.

¶2 In October 2004, MALL sponsored a successful and well-received joint meeting in Des Moines with AALL’s Mid-America chapter. MALL was responsible for planning and developing four programs, and six MALL members served as presenters at the meeting.

¶3 MALL’s primary outreach event, the Legal Research Institute, took place March 22–May 10, 2005, at Hamline University. The institute, held every two years, is designed to provide a basic introduction to the American legal system and sources and processes for conducting legal research. Instructors were all MALL members and, once again, the institute was well attended and received great reviews.

¶4 Other programming this year was planned by the Education Committee. Beside the full-day spring meeting featuring presentations on medical research and taxonomy, the committee planned and coordinated a program on blogs, a holiday party, and a panel on Gates Grant trainer experiences. The Technical Services Interest Group also had an active year. It held two educational sessions, one on shortcuts in OCLC Connexion and one on preservation, conservation, and restoration.

¶5 The Placement Committee presented another successful careers forum for library school students and others interested in a career as a law librarian. MALL members from all types of libraries and specialties talked about what they do in a typical day and how they use their library degree. Other outreach efforts included a modified Gates Grant session presented at the Minnesota Library Association meeting in Duluth in October and participation in the College of St. Catherine’s Professional Associations Day. Two MALL members taught law librarianship classes at St. Catherine’s, and many other members made presentations to their students and opened their libraries for site visits.

¶6 Several awards were given at MALL’s annual meeting. A \$1000 scholarship was presented to Britt Heglund, a library school student at the College of St. Catherine. Grants to attend the Annual Meeting were won by Lindsay Matts, Deb Hackerson, and Pauline Afuso. A grant to attend the Legal Research Institute was

presented to Laurie Muir. Kathy Kelly received MALL's highest honor, the Law Librarianship Award for her many and sustained contributions to MALL.

¶7 Officers for 2004–05 were Mary Wells, President; Elvira Embser-Herbert, Vice President/President-Elect; Vicente Garces, Past President; David Zopfi-Jordan, Secretary/Treasurer; and Donna Trimble, Member-at-Large.

Mary Wells, President
2004–05

Northern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 NOCALL began the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary this year in June 2004 with a crossover meeting at UC Hastings for the old and new executive boards and new committee chairs. At the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, NOCALL celebrated in style with the other West Coast chapters at a joint reception. Northern California law librarians Shirley Hart David and Tom Reynolds were honored as recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award in Boston.

¶2 A special election was held in August to fill the recently vacated post of vice president/president-elect. Pam Rino was elected to serve out the term. She was sworn in at the September business meeting.

¶3 The fall workshop, organized by Fran Jones, included topics on the hundredth anniversary of the California Court of Appeal, flexible copyright options, and intellectual property. The January business meeting was held at the Alameda County Conference Center and Law Library, with library tours following the meeting.

¶4 The spring institute was held in the historic Rickey's Hyatt in Palo Alto in April. This two-day event included NOCALL's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations. The institute's theme was the "Future of Legal Research," and it included programs on the history of NOCALL, the future of legal research, the future of county law libraries, and blogs. NOCALL was honored to have AALL President Tory Trotta visit the chapter for this event.

¶5 The May business meeting was held at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. The Honorable Ignazio Ruvolo, justice of the California Court of Appeal, installed NOCALL's newly elected Executive Board: Pam Rino, President; Prano Amjadi, Vice President/President-Elect; Julie Horst, Treasurer; Holly Riccio, Secretary; Mary Ann Parker and Donna Purvis, Board Members-at-Large; and Tina Dumas, Past President. The 2005 NOCALL Professional Achievement Award was presented to Jaye Lapachet by Awards Committee member and past recipient Mark Mackler.

¶6 Other notable happenings this year included a member-approved dues increase, the first in more than ten years. It will be spread out over the course of the next three years. It is hoped that the additional funds will allow NOCALL to offer better programming for members with less reliance on vendor support. In addition, NOCALL members successfully teamed with the San Francisco Chapter of SLA to lobby the San Francisco Public Library to reinstate the library's program to issue library cards to businesses.

¶7 Thank you to the many NOCALL members who made this a successful year! I am grateful to the Executive Board, including outgoing members Mary Staats, Leslie Ann Forrester, and Diane Rodriguez. I would also like to thank NOCALL's committee chairs and members, and those members who ran for office.

Tina Dumas, President
2004–05

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

¶1 ORALL, the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, held its annual meeting in Covington, Kentucky, October 13–15, 2004. Capitalizing on its location on the Ohio River just across from Cincinnati, Ohio, and only a few miles from the Indiana border, the Northern Kentucky meeting focused on "Collaboration: Working across Boundaries." The speakers examined the topic of collaboration in a variety of areas, including legal history, trademarks, collaborative law and mediation, ethics, and research instruction. The program also offered an in-depth look at the USA PATRIOT Act. The speakers included librarians, a former judge, and practicing attorneys, with former Cincinnati mayor Roxanne Qualls as the keynote speaker. Local TV personality Michael Flannery opened the meeting with a light-hearted look at some of the differences between the three states in our region.

¶2 Officers for the 2004–05 year were Claudia Zaher, President; Kyle Passmore, Vice President/President-Elect; Maureen Anderson, Secretary; Thomas Hanley, Treasurer (completing the second year of the term after George Baker's resignation); and Sarah Lynch and Susan Hersch, Board Members. Current membership is 308.

¶3 In the face of recent moves by the Ohio legislature to eliminate or reduce funding for the county law library system, ORALL actively monitored the legislation and encouraged a letter-writing campaign by individuals. ORALL is committed to continuing its efforts to preserve the strong Ohio county library system and the access to legal information that it provides.

¶4 The most important ongoing issue facing ORALL is the possibility of a name change. Many feel that "Ohio Regional" does not adequately describe what is actually a three-state chapter, nor does the current name appear to recognize the active participation of Indiana and Kentucky members in chapter activities and chapter leadership. A task force has been working to identify the issues arising from a name change and will eventually make a recommendation to the general membership.

¶5 ORALL leadership focused efforts in the past year on attracting new members to the organization. The executive board awarded four scholarships to attend the ORALL annual meeting and four more to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. For each event, three of the scholarships were targeted at newer members. In additional recruiting efforts, ORALL funded the Kentucky Special Interest Group's session at the University of Kentucky Law Library at which SIG members and other Kentucky law librarians learned about the law library's high tech "Electronic Rural Access to

Legal Information Project.” The Kentucky SIG also sent some sweet treats and good luck wishes to UK library students at exam time, and some northern Ohio ORALL members spoke to Kent State library students about the profession.

Claudia Zaher, President
2004–05

San Diego Area Law Libraries

¶1 SANDALL had a productive year in 2004–05. Officers for the year were Valerie A. Railey, President; Elizabeth Carroll, Past President; Judith Lihosit, Vice President; Ruth Levor, Treasurer; and Brian Williams, Secretary. Nanna Frye began the year as treasurer but had to resign. Ruth Levor was chosen to complete her term as treasurer in a special election.

¶2 The SCALL board provided complimentary registration to the SANDALL and AALL presidents to attend the SCALL Institute. The AALL Executive Board is considering San Diego as a possible site for the 2010 Annual Meeting. SANDALL hosted an AALL chapter visit from President Victoria (Tory) Trotta on March 24, 2005. Tory attended the SANDALL Spring Social & Silent Auction, and visited California Western School of Law Library, Morrison & Foerster, and San Diego County Public Law Library. SANDALL held a Founder’s Tea on April 15, 2005, at which members discussed the history and future of the chapter.

¶3 SANDALL held several educational programs during the year, including a presentation from a staff attorney from the Innocence Project, a brown-bag program with a presenter from the League of Women Voters, and a fall workshop titled “Public Relations Prescription: How to Create Marketing Materials That Never Spend a Day in Design School!” SANDALL also held a Tsunami Disaster Relief Fundraiser raffle that raised a total of \$900; proceeds were donated to Oxfam.

¶4 In committee news, SANDALL’s Government Relations Committee evolved from a task force into a full committee. The GRC sponsored California Legislation SB 1161. (Charlie Dyer, an active member of the GRC, retired. He and SANDALL Past President Elizabeth Carroll were presented distinguished service awards.) The Program Committee completed an informative trifold brochure. The Web Internet Committee completed a redesign of the SANDALL Web site. The SANDALL president accepted an invitation to participate on an advisory committee to discuss the future publication of the California Code of Regulations.

Valerie A. Railey, President
2004–05

South Florida Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The SFALL board of 2004–05 included Bob Riger, President; Katherine Rosin, Vice President; Kerri-Ann Philp, Secretary; Jeanne Korman, Treasurer; and Liz Chifari, Past President.

¶2 The board actively engaged in systematizing procedures in the areas of records retention, criteria for awarding chapter scholarships to attend the AALL

Annual Meeting, and amending the bylaws to accommodate dues increases. Current Treasurer Jeanne Korman and former Treasurer Kathie Rosin did a great job in formalizing the duties and responsibilities of that office.

¶3 SFALL continued its advocacy efforts by creating a standing Government Relations Committee to respond to important legislative and funding issues, and by publishing news of the Florida county law library funding crisis in the newsletter.

¶4 The board developed two amendments to the bylaws—one creating a government relations committee (GRC) and one for increasing the membership dues. Both were passed by a two-thirds vote of those members present at the general meeting and then forwarded to the AALL Bylaws Committee for approval. The GRC amendment withstood the committee's scrutiny, but the dues amendment was returned for modification in order to harmonize its language with that of AALL. A modified amendment will be resubmitted for a membership vote.

¶5 SFALL members enjoyed a variety of programs during 2004–05 under the hard-working and able Program Chair Johanna Porpiglia. In October, Mary Garcia and Mark Plotkin presented a program on government documents using online databases. The annual holiday party was held at Las Culebrinas Restaurant on December 6, 2004, where Latin food was enjoyed by all. In February, Thomson-West sponsored a lunch meeting and gave a presentation on Westlaw International Databases. It also sponsored a presentation by Gilza Fort-Martinez of the Resolution Counseling Center on “Managing Your Work Style to Reduce Stress” in April. SFALL completed the year with its annual business meeting and luncheon on June 17, 2005, at the Miami Intercontinental Hotel. Nina Platt of the AALL Executive Board was the guest speaker.

¶6 Other SFALL committees were also very active. The Membership Committee under Adilia Vasquez completed a successful membership initiative in 2005. The Public Relations Committee under Kerri-Ann Philp put together a book drive, published membership news in *AALL Spectrum*, arranged for the publication of our meeting notice in the *Daily Business Review*, and updated the SFALL brochure. The Scholarship Committee under Lisa Smith-Butler offered a scholarship this year to assist members in attending the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Johanna Porpiglia received this year's award. The Newsletter Committee under Nora Everlove published the quarterly newsletters including information on the salary survey, a series on additional responsibilities of firm librarians, and Kathie Rosen's two-part article on “The Librarian in Film.”

¶7 The Nominations Committee under Stephanie Dooley worked hard to present a slate of qualified candidates for the positions of secretary and vice president/president-elect. The incoming Executive Board for 2005–06 consists of Kathy Rosin, President; Sid Kaskey, Vice President/President-Elect; Calmer Chatoo, Secretary; Jeanne Korman, Treasurer; and Bob Riger, Past President.

Bob Riger, President

2004–05

Southeastern Association of AALL

¶1 The Executive Board for the Southeastern Chapter for 2004–05 consisted of Michael Petit, President; Pam Deemer, Vice President/President-Elect; Marian Parker, Secretary; Ismael Gullon, Treasurer; Nancy Johnson, Immediate Past President; and Amy Osborne and Georgia Chadwick, Members-at-Large. The new officers elected to begin serving in 2005–06 were Anne Klinefelter, Vice President/President-Elect; Jack Bissett, Treasurer; and Virginia Smith, Member-at-Large.

¶2 SEAALL conducted executive board meetings and general business meetings at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston in July 2004 and at the SEAALL annual meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, April 14–16, 2005. The theme of SEAALL's 2005 annual meeting was "A Season for Law Libraries." Pam Deemer and her Program Committee scheduled a varied array of educational programs, including such topics as communications skills, budgeting, and diversity. The meeting began with a half-day institute, "Writing for Law Librarians." The keynote address, "A Season for Justice," was given by Morris Dees, cofounder of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Tim Lewis, the Local Arrangements Chair, put together several wonderful social events. Wednesday evening included a baseball game at Riverwalk Stadium, with Montgomery's Class AA baseball team, the Biscuits, playing (and beating) the Tennessee Smokies. On Thursday night, the opening reception was held at the Capital City Club overlooking downtown Montgomery. The Friday night event included a reception at Montgomery's Museum of Fine Arts, followed by a trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival to see Arthur Miller's play, "All My Sons."

¶3 SEAALL's committees were busy throughout the year. The Service to SEAALL Committee made its annual award to Joyce Janto for her numerous contributions to the chapter over the years. SEAALL has also created a grant, covering registration and one night's lodging, to support the attendance of an individual at CONELL at the AALL Annual Meeting. Any newer librarian who is a member of SEAALL may apply to the Scholarship Committee for the grant. Webmaster Roy Balleste redesigned the SEAALL Web site and added the membership directory to it.

¶4 There were other accomplishments by the association during 2004–05. SEAALL sponsored Dr. Elizabeth Paskoff, dean of the LSU School of Library and Information Science, as its VIP at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. SEAALL was a bronze sponsor of the National Diversity in Libraries Conference held in Atlanta on May 4–5, 2004.

Michael J. Petit, President
2004–05

Southern California Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The SCALL Executive Bboard for 2004–05 consisted of Jennifer Berman, President; Pauline M. Aranas, Vice President/President-Elect; James B. Senter, Secretary; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Karen Lasnick and Thomas B. Fleming, Board Members; and Diana C. Jaque, Past President.

¶2 Nearly 110 people registered for this year's institute, "I.P. for the I.P.: Copyright, Patents and Digital Technology for the Information Professional," which was held in Palm Desert. The Inner City Youth Internship Program continued its excellent work. This year it received \$15,000 in outside grants and placed twenty-one students in seventeen host sites around Southern California. They also received high praise in a feature article in the *San Bernardino Sun*. The Archives Committee is set to launch its Web archive page. SCALL continued to promote librarianship through the Library School Liaison Committee which granted three scholarships this year. The Grants Committee supported SCALL's own members by awarding a number of grants to the local and national meetings. The *SCALL Policy and Procedures Handbook* underwent a complete revision. The SCALL board, at the request of the Government Relations Committee, sent a representative to the spring 2005 Depository Library Council Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

¶3 These are only a few of the SCALL accomplishments in 2004–05. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the committee chairs, committee members, and volunteers who helped make this a great year. A special thank you to the executive board who made this year a success.

¶4 The board approved joining NOCALL and SANDALL for a joint California Institute in 2006 to celebrate AALL's centennial.

¶5 The SCALL Executive Board for 2005–06 will be Pauline M. Aranas, President; Patrick Meyer, Vice President/President-Elect; James B. Senter, Secretary, Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Thomas B. Fleming and Paul Moorman, Board Members; and Jennifer Berman, Past President

Jennifer Berman, President
2004–05

Southern New England Law Librarians Association

¶1 SNELLA's participation in the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston included the following: its VIP candidate, Connecticut State Librarian Kendall Wiggin, was chosen to attend the conference; it underwrote the cost for the clown for family hour; its chapter table was written up in *AALL Spectrum*; and it provided one of the hospitality baskets.

¶2 The Scholarship Committee was invigorated under the leadership of Sandee Molden. Guidelines were revised and a separate scholarship account was created. The Barbara Karp Memorial Scholarship Fund was established and will be used to send members to local programs. Louise Tucker and Janis Fusaris joined the committee this year. Nancy Marcove advised and assisted in a successful fund-raising drive.

¶3 The chapter sponsored a workshop titled "Tips and Tactics for Time Management and Organizational Skills, or The Runaway Train That Is Your Life" in November 2004. The Legal Bibliography Workshop was offered at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield in November 2004 and at the Kelley Drye law firm in Stamford in April 2005. Jonathon Stock and Roseanne Shea worked with the Fairfield County Special Library Association to provide these new venues.

¶4 SNELLA donated seed money to the regional AALL conference planned for 2007 in Toronto.

¶5 Discussions continue regarding adoption of an ADA policy and creation of a membership category for institutions.

¶6 SNELLA staffed a display booth at the Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference in April 2005 and at the Connecticut Bar Association Conference in June 2005.

¶7 New officers for 2005–06 were installed at the annual dinner in June: Susan Davis, President; Louise Tucker, Vice President/President-Elect; Maggie Hobden, Secretary; Theresa Baylock, Treasurer; Nancy Marcove and Rebecca Engsborg, Members-at-Large. Roseanne Shea is the new chair of the Publicity Committee.

¶8 Officers for 2004–05 were Hilary T. Frye, President; Susan Davis, Vice President/President-Elect; Janet Zigadto, Secretary; Theresa Baylock, Treasurer; Caroline Benoit and Rebecca Engsborg, Members-at-Large. Steve Mirsky was chair of the Publicity Committee.

Hilary T. Frye, President
2004–05

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries

¶1 The membership of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries converged in Little Rock, Arkansas, for the forty-seventh annual meeting on March 31–April 2, 2005, to discover and discuss issues and the latest innovations in the legal information profession for the twenty-first century. The theme was “Big Ideas Come from Little Rock.” The staff of the University of Arkansas Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library hosted the preconference program, “Basic Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian,” which broke attendance records for outside-Texas meeting locations. Successful marketing of the preconference to the Arkansas library community, including the Arkansas Documents Consortium, resulted in thirty-one registered attendees from public, college, and university libraries.

¶2 One hundred four members registered for the meeting, including eight students from graduate library education programs across the SWALL region. The program included excellent speakers on topics ranging from technology to continuing legal education to Internet security to romance in the library. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Lavenski Smith from the U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit, while the plenary speaker was Commissioner Herman L. Totten of the National Commission on Library and Information Science. Victoria K. Trotta, AALL president and SWALL member, reported on AALL business as well as plans for the San Antonio Annual Meeting. She also led a roundtable discussion about careers in law librarianship and professional association activity. The program included the unique, first annual “One Book, One Conference,” in which attendees read and then discussed *How I Fell in Love with a Librarian and Lived to Tell About It*, a book that addresses the survival of libraries in the twenty-first century.

¶3 The opening dinner for the meeting was held at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center Library. Conference attendees had full access to all of the exhibits, movies, and displays of the library. It truly is a presidential library for the twenty-first century. The integration of information technology and innovation with traditional museum displays of presidential memorabilia is unique and creative.

¶4 The Grants Committee, chaired by Monika Szakasits, awarded \$2250 in grants to three recipients to attend the SWALL annual meeting and two \$750 grants to SWALL members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. In addition, the chapter honored Jon S. Schultz, former director of the University of Houston Law Center, by awarding him a lifetime membership in SWALL.

¶5 The officers for 2005–06 are Yvonne J. Chandler, President; Barbara Fullerton, Vice President/President-Elect; Caren Luckie, Treasurer; and Peggy Martindale, Secretary.

Susan T. Phillips, President
2004–05

Virginia Association of Law Libraries

¶1 Thanks to the able leadership of 2004–05 President Cathy Palombi and the tireless efforts of the VALL Executive Board, committee chairs, and dedicated members, VALL enjoyed yet another productive year.

¶2 VALL's 2004 annual meeting was held November 4–5 at the University of Virginia Law Library. The theme for the event was Expanding Access/Protecting Privacy. A highlight of the meeting was the address of VALL's 2004 chapter VIP, Kathy Mays, Director of Judicial Planning, Supreme Court of Virginia. Not only did members have an opportunity to learn about Virginia's implementation of the Interactive Community Assistance Network (ICAN), but they also saw firsthand the impact that the Chapter VIP Program can have on fostering lasting relationships. The two-day event was filled with excellent programming. AALL Treasurer and VALL member Joyce Manna Janto's presentation "When Did You First Realize Your E-mail Was Not Private?" left the audience wide-eyed and full of questions. Paul Barron led a whirlwind exploration of "Legal Research on the Internet." Finally, Glen O. Robinson, David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, offered a fascinating examination of "'Information Wants to Be Free' and Other Slogans for the Internet Age."

¶3 More than forty VALL members gathered in the Richmond offices of Hunton & Williams, LLP, on February 18, 2005, for the Winter Quarter Meeting. Dr. Margaret Bradley, a business psychologist, led VALL members through a series of "Workplace Big Five" exercises designed to enhance each individual's understanding of his or her preferred work style.

¶4 The Spring Quarter Meeting was held on May 13, 2005, at Regent University School of Law. Long-time VALL member Barbie Selby, who recently began a term as chair of the Depository Library Council, presented a program titled "Government Information in the 21st Century: What Happened to the 'P' in GPO?" Gail Zwirner moderated a lively discussion of issues raised by the Virginia

Code Commission's recent decision to reorganize and renumber the Code of Virginia. At the business meeting, Cathy Palombi confirmed that the Honorable Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr., Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, would attend the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting as VALL's chapter VIP.

¶5 VALL's greatest strength is the willingness of its members to be actively involved. The following members served on the VALL Executive Board: Cathy Palombi, Marie Summerlin Hamm, Leanne Battle, Bill Katz, Theresa Schmid, Jeanne Ullian, and Micheal Klepper. Committee chairs for the year included Rae Best, Chris Byrne, Barbara Cummings, Robert Davis, Marie Summerlin Hamm, Joyce Janto, Micheal Klepper, Terry Long, Nancy Loewenberg, Isabel Paul, Marty Rush, Gail Warren, and Gail Zwirner. The many significant contributions made by other members, both to the organization and to the profession, are too numerous to list but are deeply appreciated.

Marie Summerlin Hamm, President
2005–06

Western Pacific Chapter

¶1 WestPac membership meets twice per year, once at the AALL Annual Meeting and again at its own annual meeting in the fall. At the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, a luncheon business meeting was conducted at the Boston Public Library. Among other business, members were informed of a memorial gift made by the chapter to the Sue Welsh Memorial Fund.

¶2 WestPac's annual meeting was held in Estes Park, Colorado, September 16–18, 2004, at the historic Stanley Hotel. The meeting's location and educational program fostered a strong Western theme. Following his stint as leader of the opening reception band, Chief Justice William U. Hill of the Wyoming Supreme Court recounted the history and logistics of Wyoming's transition to a circuit court system. University of Tulsa Professor Judith Royster provided history and context to the latest revision of *Felix S. Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law*. David Selden and Monica Martens of the National Indian Law Library instructed attendees in current best practices for tribal law research and provided ideas for strengthening library Indian law resources. Catalog librarian Karen Selden of the University of Colorado Law Library discussed access to electronic resources from a technical services perspective, and shared results from a national survey about the range of methods other law libraries are using to most effectively handle this format. On the last day of the meeting, members wound down by participating in a program conducted by interior designer Eiko Okura which focused on the ways in which feng shui could help create better and less stressful work environments.

¶3 Following the business meeting at Estes Park, the 2004–05 Executive Board was installed as follows: Angus Nesbit, President; Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson, Vice President; Stacey Gordon, Secretary; Kathy Carlson, Immediate Past President; and Buck Sterling, Treasurer.

Angus Nesbit, President
2004–05

Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association

¶1 WPLLA had a very productive year thanks to its officers, committees, and members. Several goals were accomplished: (1) The organization became more active, (2) it was able to attract several new members, (3) quality programs were presented to members, and (4) the newsletter was revived as well as the Legal Research Review Series for summer associates.

¶2 After the fall meeting, a survey was sent to the members to find out their needs and their expectations of and for WPLLA. The results of the survey helped officers understand what they were doing right and what needed to be improved. It helped to make our goals a reality.

¶3 The Programming/CLE Committee, headed by Louise Beswick, was very busy over the year. Among the well-attended programs were a presentation by University of Pittsburgh School of Law Professor Bernard J. Hibbits on how JURIST can help organizations stay on top of legal developments; "Copyright and Fair Use in Libraries and on the Internet," presented by Kimberly Pierson, a Reed Smith IP attorney; "Knowledge Management: A Practical Discussion," presented by Ann Unger and Michele Smith; "Generational Issues in the Workplace," presented by Gayle Lynn-Nelson, Lexis-Nexis Librarian Relations Consultant; and "Advanced Web Searching," presented by Linda Tashbook.

¶4 In May, the membership ended the year with a bang at Atria's-at-PNC Park. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, the Pirates' baseball game following dinner, and the fireworks after the game. WPLLA was honored to have AALL Secretary Catherine Lemann as a speaker. Her visit was inspiring and enjoyed by all. A special highlight was when Dr. Joel Fishman was presented a certificate of appreciation for his long-time dedicated service and loyalty to WPLLA.

¶5 The Legal Research Review Series for Summer Associates started in June and consisted of four programs at various firms within the city of Pittsburgh. They were well attended by approximately fifty summer associates and law clerks.

¶6 The incoming officers for 2005–06 are Louise Beswick, President; Sonya Koros, Vice President/President-Elect, Michele Kristakis, Treasurer; Mary Stacy, Secretary; Marguerita Young-Jones, Immediate Past President; and Barbara Cage and Linda Tashbook, Executive Board Members.

Marguerita Young-Jones, President
2004–05

Special Interest Sections

SIS Council

¶1 The SIS Council, comprised of the chairs of the thirteen special interest sections, provides a forum for discussing matters of common interest and concern to the diverse membership of AALL. As an expression of one such concern, at its business meeting in Boston in July 2004, the council declined to assume the duties formerly carried out by AALL's recently dissolved Professional Development Committee. On

a more positive note, AALL's VIP Program was expanded this year to include SISs, starting with the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, and several SISs are availing themselves of this opportunity to invite their stakeholders to attend. This will serve to enhance the image of law librarians in the eyes of judges, partners, and deans.

¶2 Six SISs conducted electronic elections in spring 2005. Five SISs conducted paper ballots, but most of them expressed interest in moving to an electronic format once their bylaws are appropriately amended. Two sections failed to conduct elections in the spring, one because its chair is in the first year of a two-year term and the other because it did not meet the election deadline specified in its bylaws. That section will hold an election at its annual business meeting in San Antonio.

¶3 Once again this year the scheduling matrix was successfully used to plan SIS meetings, programs, and events for San Antonio, while preventing major conflicts between SISs with common memberships. In the future, the matrix will be an even more critical tool since the AALL Executive Board decided to allow SISs to schedule their own educational programming during the same time slots as AMPC-approved programming, starting with the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis. These time slots were previously subject to a no-conflict rule.

¶4 AALL has organized a joint SIS and chapter leadership summit to be held in September 2005. The SISs have also been encouraged to take part in AALL's centennial celebration activities next year in St. Louis by developing ideas and providing volunteers for skits or other creative displays, as well as compiling oral histories of each SIS's founding members to send to the AALL archives.

¶5 Carole Hinchcliff, ALL-SIS chair for 2004–05, was elected as the 2005–06 SIS Council Chair.

Don Arndt, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 A record number of ALL-SIS members, approximately 140, served on committees during 2004–05, and their efforts along with contributions from other volunteers culminated in a productive year for the section. The ALL-SIS membership stands at approximately 1070 members.

¶2 The ALL-SIS Centennial Celebration Committee, led by Rosalie Sanderson, was formed to contribute to AALL's centennial celebration. An article describing one hundred years of firsts in academic law libraries will be published in *AALL Spectrum*, and personal stories of law librarians with twenty-five or more years of experience are being compiled.

¶3 In its first year, the Faculty Services Committee, cochaired by Janet Katz and Raquel Ortiz, conducted a survey of law library faculty services, established a faculty services roundtable discussion list, and began work on a Web page.

¶4 Jennifer Murray and Wendy Scott cochaired the Legal Research Committee, which consisted of the Legal Research Workshop Subcommittee and the Legal Research Sourcebook Subcommittee. The Legal Research Sourcebook migrated to a database format and was launched at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶5 In her first year as *ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor, Leah Sandwell-Weiss led the Newsletter Committee in a team effort to produce three informative newsletters. In her first year as ALL-SIS Web administrator, Diane Murley reorganized and expanded material on the Web site and ensured that the page was accessible to as many users and browsers as possible.

¶6 The Relations with Online Vendors Committee, cochaired by Stephanie Davison and Nancy McMurrer, and Kim Clarke, chair of the Statistics Committee, worked with Project Counter, which facilitates the collection and distribution of usage statistics for electronic resources, to investigate whether legal database vendors could participate in this effort.

¶7 The AALL Chapter VIP (Valued Invited Participant) program was extended to include the special interest sections, and ALL-SIS took advantage of this opportunity by inviting the Honorable Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy of the Virginia Supreme Court to the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Justice Lacy also serves as the chair of the American Bar Association's Council of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

¶8 Seven of thirty-three educational programs submitted to the ALL-SIS Program Committee were presented in San Antonio. The Program Committee, cochaired by Lee Peoples and Ajaye Bloomstone, is to be commended on its work. In addition, ALL-SIS sponsored a separate program on the eighteenth edition of *The Bluebook*, an advanced legal research instructors workshop, and five roundtables covering collection development, continuing status/tenure, faculty services, relations with online vendors, and support for law journals. Other recurring events in San Antonio were the middle managers' breakfast sponsored by BNA Inc., the directors' breakfast, and CONALL, held at the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library of St. Mary's University before the ALL-SIS Reception and Awards Ceremony. At the ALL-SIS Reception and Awards Ceremony, Barbara Bintliff was presented with the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship. Nancy Babb received the ALL-SIS Outstanding Article award for "Cataloging Spirits and the Spirit of Cataloging," published in the *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly*, and Joy Hanson received the inaugural ALL-SIS CONELL grant, which was initiated by the CONALL/Mentoring Committee chaired by Paul Moorman and Marianne Parker.

¶9 The 2004–05 Executive Board consisted of Carole Hinchcliff, Chair; Michael Slinger, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Susan Lewis-Somers, Secretary/Treasurer; Sally Wise, Past Chair; and Suzanne Thorpe, Board Member. In the section's first online election, Suzanne Thorpe was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Carol Bredemeyer was elected as Board Member for a two-year term.

¶10 Congratulations to all the ALL-SIS volunteers for the collaborative spirit in which they have worked in 2004–05.

Carole Hinchcliff, Chair

Computing Services

¶1 Thanks to its dedicated and enthusiastic members, CS-SIS accomplished a number of important projects this year, with a primary focus on member education

and support. Five CS-SIS sponsored programs were offered at the 2005 Annual Meeting: “Creating & Using Interactive Electronic Legal Research Lessons”; “Raise Your Standards, Improve Your World and Create Universal Web Pages”; “30 Cheap Web Development Tools in 30 Minutes”; “Multimedia Presentations: How to Get Copyright Clearance and Other Permissions for Digital Projects”; and “Beyond the Blog: RSS, Wikis, and Blikis.” The Roundtable Planning/Coordination Committee, chaired by Eric Young, ran two roundtables in San Antonio, one on Web design and maintenance and one on instructional technology. The CS-SIS Breakfast was on the future of law librarianship and featured Roy Mersky, a 2005 recipient of AALL’s Gallagher Distinguished Service Award.

¶2 The Technology Competencies Committee, chaired by Eric Gilson, developed a resource guide related to the core competencies AALL has developed for information technology. The guide is available at the CS-SIS Web site. Other materials developed for the Web site included a resource guide for obtaining copyright clearance for digital projects and a guide to inexpensive Web development tools.

¶3 To support librarians interested in blogging, CS-SIS developed a new Blawgs Committee cochaired by Bonnie Shucha and Debbie Ginsberg. The committee now has nearly thirty members who actively contribute to the newly created CS-SIS “blawg” (<http://cssisblawgs.bloki.com/blog>).

¶4 Other CS-SIS committees also worked hard this year. The Grants Committee, under the direction of Cynthia Lewis, awarded three program registration grants to David Lehmann, Eric Young, and Bonnie Shucha. A special CONELL grant was awarded to Denise Potter. The Strategic Plan Committee, chaired by Robert Jacoby, ran a survey of CS-SIS membership and developed a draft strategic plan that was voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Nominations Committee, chaired by Don Arndt, chose an excellent slate of candidates. Elected in the second CS-SIS electronic election were Kris Neidringhaus, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Eric Young, Secretary/Treasurer; and Debbie Ginsberg, Member-at-Large. They join the 2004–05 Executive Board members Dom Grillo, Chair; Susan Boland, Past Chair; and Robert Jacoby, Member-at-Large.

¶5 As the role of information technology grows in libraries, the role of the Computing Services SIS in providing a voice and support for law library personnel involved with information technology also continues to grow.

Susan Boland, Chair

Foreign, Comparative and International Law

¶1 The officers of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section during 2004–05 were Mirela Roznovschi, Chair; Stephanie Burke Farne, Vice Chair; Mary Rumsey, Secretary-Treasurer; Annette L. Demers, newsletter editor; and Anne Burnett, webmaster. They were supported by a hard-working team of committee chairs. In spring 2005, the section elected Mary Rumsey as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Dennis Sears as Secretary-Treasurer. The Nominations Committee consisted of Kenneth Rudolf, Katherine Topulos, and Mark Engsborg.

¶2 An amendment in the section's bylaws has been reviewed by the AALL Bylaws Committee. The purpose of the amendment was to allow the section to conduct its elections electronically.

¶3 The FCIL-SIS Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant was awarded this year to Irma Aladashvili, from Tbilisi, Georgia. The grant was made possible by a contribution of AALL (providing a waiver of the AALL Annual Meeting program registration fee), a \$500 contribution from FCIL-SIS, and other generous donations.

¶4 The Education Committee, under the leadership of Stephanie Burke Farne and Dennis Sears, proposed eleven programs and one workshop for the 2005 San Antonio Annual Meeting; four programs and the workshop were accepted by the San Antonio Program Committee. In order to present to our constituency more substantive law research programs, the Executive Committee offered a substantive law program, "Introduction to Latin American Legal Systems." Also, seven interest group business meetings concentrated on substantive contributions, one of them being the program presented by the foreign grantee Irma Aladashvili on Georgia's legal materials. The programs, business meetings, and workshop covered such topics as European Union law, treaty research, international maritime law, Mexican Americans and the law, researching Asian law, new portals to foreign and international law, new developments in African legal systems (Ghana), selectors of foreign law in foreign languages, and foreign, comparative, and international law librarianship.

¶5 The 2005 Spirit of FCIL-SIS was awarded to Lyonette Louis-Jacques for her outstanding activity on behalf of our SIS and our profession.

¶6 FCIL-SIS cosponsored a workshop titled "International Disability Rights, An Overview and Comparative Analysis of International and National Initiatives to Promote and Protect the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," which took place on March 30, 2005, at the Law Library of Congress, right before the American Society of International Law 99th Annual Meeting.

¶7 The Technical Services SIS Ad Hoc Committee on Annual Meeting Programming, cochaired by Regina Wallen and Jolande Goldberg (the latter in a dual capacity on behalf of the FCIL-SIS, with input from Marilyn Raisch, also a member of FCIL-SIS), drafted a memorandum to the TS-SIS chair which was sent to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee requesting that its recommendations be considered in planning for the 2006 St. Louis Annual Meeting. The memorandum suggested that a better programming approach will improve our Annual Meetings, the intellectual quality of the approved programs, and the acceptance rate for program proposals.

Mirela Roznovschi, Chair

Government Documents

¶1 Officers for the section in 2004–05 were Cecily Giardina, Chair; Scott Matheson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Colleen Manning, Secretary/Treasurer; and Eric Gilson, *JURISDOCS* editor.

¶2 Every year the Grants Committee awards a member grant to an SIS member or a government documents support staff person to attend the Fall Federal Depository Library Conference. This year member grants were awarded to Dawn Adkins, Government Documents Assistant at the University of Tennessee Law Library, and Joy Hanson, Reference Librarian at Duke University Law Library.

¶3 The Grants Committee also awards the Veronica Maclay Grant, given each year to assist a library and information science student in attending the AALL Annual Meeting. This year the grant was awarded to Pegeen Mulhern, a student at the University of Washington Information School.

¶4 GD-SIS webmaster Eric Parker updated the Web site which serves as the distribution mechanism for *JURISDOCS*, the SIS newsletter, and other news and announcements about the section. The site now contains a complete digitized set of *JURISDOCS* in PDF format. It also has information about the section's state bibliography series and grant applications.

¶5 The Publications Committee published three new state bibliographies: Rhode Island, Montana, and Colorado. During the year the SIS sold 289 bibliographies. The committee recruited several volunteers to update some of the older bibliographies.

¶6 GD-SIS activities at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston included a business meeting, a welcome breakfast, a GPO update, and a focus group on the Federal Depository Library Program. In addition, the SIS sponsored two programs: "The Virtual Federal Depository Library Program: A Reality for the 21st Century" and "GovDocs on the Web: The University of Arizona-Government Printing Office Electronic Depository Library Pilot Project."

¶7 New officers for 2005–06 are Scott Matheson, Chair; Lawrence Meyer, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Mary Jane Mallonee, Secretary/Treasurer; and Eric Gilson, editor of *JURISDOCS*.

¶8 Thanks to all the officers, past officers, *JURISDOCS* contributors, committees, and members for their hard work during this year. It was a privilege to serve as chair.

Cecily Giardina, Chair

Legal History and Rare Books

¶1 The Legal History and Rare Books SIS had a successful year in 2004–05 thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Executive Committee and active members. This year, the Executive Committee consisted of Robert Mead, Chair; Laura Ray, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Katherine Topulos, Secretary/Treasurer; and Mark Podvia, Immediate Past Chair. Laura Ray continued to head the Education Committee. Mark Podvia and Patricia Turpening served as coeditors of the newsletter.

¶2 At the 2004 business meeting, LHRB voted to become a permanent home for the Law Library Archives Caucus. Legal history, archives, and rare law books are overlapping areas of interest, and LHRB is proud to represent archivists within the association. Now represented by a standing committee within LHRB,

archives discussions and education will be a growing topic of interest with the section.

¶3 One of the key goals of LHRB in 2004–05 was to improve the newsletter. As columnists and editors, Mark Podvia, Patricia Turpening, Morris Cohen, Karen Beck, Michelle Pope, and Sarah Yates have done a great job of meeting this goal. For the first time ever, the newsletter, now a digital publication had four issues. Volume 11, number 2 included an important article by James Larrabee, “Cataloging Rare Books: What and Why,” which justifies the intricacies of careful rare book cataloging.

¶4 To further improve the newsletter, LHRB-SIS is beginning the process of creating a legal history essay contest for law and library school students. Approved by the section at the 2004 Annual Meeting, the essay contest will give students a venue for publishing as well as add interesting content for readers of the section’s newsletter.

¶5 A second project began to take shape during 2004–05. In collaboration with the AALL Centennial Celebration Committee and the Audio Visual/Micrographics SIS, LHRB began the process of gathering volunteers to do video oral history interviews of AALL members for the celebration at the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

¶6 LHRB sponsored two programs at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston. Laura Bedard, Michael Chiorazzi, and Karen Beck presented a panel discussion titled “Creating and Maintaining Legal History Collections: Collection Development and Analysis Issues for Law Librarians.” At the LHRB Roundtable, Morris Cohen examined the relationship between Joseph Story and Francis Lieber, the editor of the *Encyclopedia Americana*.

¶7 The officers for 2005–06 will be Laura Ray, Chair; Karen Beck, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; and Katherine Topulos, Secretary/Treasurer.

Robert Mead, Chair

Online Bibliographic Services

¶1 The Online Bibliographic Services SIS had an unusual yet productive year in 2004–05. The section was lead by Georgia Briscoe, Chair; Richard Jost, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kevin Butterfield, Past Chair; Michael Maben, Secretary/Treasurer; and Andrea Rabbia and Caitlin Robinson, Members-at-Large. Shannon Burchard maintained the OBS Web site, and Karen Selden started her first year as MARBI representative.

¶2 Committee chairs were Richard Jost, Education; Corinne Jacox, Local Systems; Mary Jane Kelsey, Nominations; Darcy Jones, OCLC; Virginia Bryant, RLIN; and Eloise Vondruska, Research Grant. Chris Long coordinated the Research Roundtable, and Andrea Rabbia organized the OBS table at the AALL Annual Meeting exhibit hall in San Antonio.

¶3 The annual membership survey was produced and compiled by Richard Jost via the OBS Web site. Richard also revised the section bylaws, which were

approved by AALL headquarters and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The changes will allow future elections to be conducted online, reducing expenses of the section. Another cost-saving item was the change in format of the joint OBS and TS-SIS publication, *Technical Services Law Librarian*, from print to electronic format. These changes were critical in a year when the section had a negative balance in the treasury for the full year. Next year, with the changes set in motion this year, the problem should be remedied and the section again will be able to fund grants, programs, refreshments, etc.

¶4 OBS sponsored four programs at the 2005 Annual Meeting: “Roy Tennant on the Top Trends in Library Automation”; “Nabbing vs. Sharing: Z39.50 and the Ethics of Directly Importing MARC Records”; “The ABCs of TOCs: Enhancing Your OPAC with Tables of Contents”; and “Federated Searching and OpenURL.” The section was also responsible for plenary speaker Roy Tennant. Additional activities offering value to OBS members in San Antonio included the Local Systems, RLIN, and OCLC committee meetings; the MARBI Report; and the TS/OBS/RIPS/CS-SIS Joint Reception.

¶5 Two committees were established in spring 2005. The OBS Strategic Plan Committee, cochaired by Ellen McGrath and Kevin Butterfield, will update the OBS Strategic Plan. The OBS Centennial Committee, chaired by Caitlin Robinson, will plan OBS activities to help celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of AALL.

¶6 Michael Maben conducted the 2005–06 OBS election with paper ballots and the mail service for the last time. The newly elected OBS Executive Board members for 2005–06 are Susan Goldner, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kathy Faust, Secretary/Treasurer; and Stephanie Schmitt, Member-at-Large.

Georgia Briscoe, Chair

Private Law Libraries

¶1 This was a very productive year for the Private Law Libraries SIS. Our unofficial theme was “reaching out,” and we implemented that in a number of ways. We reached out to other SISs by establishing good relationships with the Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS, promoting its very useful workshop on our discussion list and publishing an article about foreign law resources in *PLL Perspectives*. Several members of the Academic Law Libraries SIS queried PLL-SIS members through surveys about what should be taught in legal research courses that would be most beneficial to first-year associates. PLL-SIS also had a discussion about “trading places,” with a goal of letting academic librarians see life in the “real world” for law students. Although unable to work through various practical roadblocks, this is still an intriguing and viable project which perhaps can be implemented one firm and law school at a time.

¶2 Linda Defendeifer, PLL-SIS’s liaison to the Special Libraries Association, worked with Judy Harris, SLA’s Legal Division head, to develop a project that has attracted lots of interest: a discussion regarding a guide to negotiating contracts

with vendors. It is hoped that this will lead to a program or workshop at the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting.

¶3 PLL-SIS was delighted to have the opportunity to participate in AALL's VIP project, inviting John Michalick, executive director of the Association of Legal Administrators, to attend the Annual Meeting in San Antonio as its very important guest. He spoke at the section's annual business meeting, attended various PLL-SIS functions as well as many educational sessions in which he had an interest, and met with various AALL leaders. It is hoped that this will lead to PLL-SIS establishing a formal relationship with ALA, which would assist in demonstrating the value of librarians to the bottom line of law firms.

¶4 The section is actively participating in the Publishing Initiative Caucus. Various publishers have agreed to provide assistance to our members in developing articles or books for publication, and we look forward to further enhancing the image of private law librarians through this means.

¶5 Private law librarians are reaching out to the entire AALL membership by taking part in the centennial celebration culminating in St. Louis in 2006. PLL-SIS passed out visors at the business meeting proclaiming us the "Stars of AALL," and we have plans for a 1970s-style show and a skit at the 2006 meeting.

¶6 The PLL-SIS bylaws were revised to allow electronic balloting in the future. Beginning in 2005–06, *PLL Perspectives* will be delivered electronically. The Web page has been redesigned to reach out to PLL members, with pictures of officers and updated descriptions of the section's various groups. With multiple changes and new undertakings, this has been a busy and challenging year for the Private Law Libraries SIS.

Sue Johnson, Chair

Research Instruction and Patron Services

¶1 RIPS-SIS officers in 2004–05 were Pamela Rogers Melton, Chair; Deanna Barmakian, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Melissa Serfass, Immediate Past Chair; and Lee Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer. Sheri Lewis and Ron Wheeler served on the Executive Board as Members-at-Large. Jennifer Murray was the newsletter editor.

¶2 RIPS submitted eight program proposals and cosponsored one additional program proposal with the Academic Law Libraries SIS. The proposals were varied, interesting, and relevant to our constituency. Four of the eight programs were accepted by the Annual Meeting Program Committee. This was a significant acceptance rate in a competitive year.

¶3 The National Legal Research Teach-In, coordinated by Gail Partin and Karen Brunner, continues to be one of RIPS' best programs. LexisNexis generously funded a revamped notepad campaign this year. The redesigned product was a smaller, self-adhesive notepad, providing greater flexibility of use. RIPS distributed 750 orders total and sent out approximately 30,000 pads, about 10,000 more items than any preceding year. RIPS distributed approximately 670 Teach-In Resource Kits. West not only underwrote the printing and distribution of the kits

but also funded full color pages throughout the entire Teach-In Kit. With the full color pages and the redesigned cover, this year's kit had the sophisticated, professional look that its content deserved.

¶4 Another important innovation this year was RIPS' partnership with the ALL-SIS sourcebook. Authors who submit their materials to the National Legal Research Teach-In Kit now have the option to have them published in the electronic sourcebook as well. This added incentive encouraged more authors to submit materials, resulting in an excellent mix of content for this year's Teach-In Kit.

¶5 The RIPS Patron Services Committee has been collecting patron-related law library policies. This year the committee focused on policies governing Internet use. The committee's findings were the subject of a RIPS Roundtable at the Annual Meeting.

¶6 Three issues of the RIPS newsletter were produced in 2004–05 after going to an electronic format. A new book review column received positive responses from readers. The member news column, which had fallen out of use recently, was revived.

¶7 In other developments, RIPS continued to see an increase in the involvement of librarians from law firms and from state and county law libraries. Work continued on development of criteria for a scholarship or grant to a RIPS member for Annual Meeting attendance. An ad hoc Centennial Committee was created to plan activities marking the hundredth anniversary of AALL in 2006. New goals include development of a process for early identification of an SIS VIP to participate in future Annual Meetings.

¶8 RIPS elections were conducted online for the first time in spring 2005. Participation was consistent with previous elections conducted by paper ballots. Joining the Executive Board as new officers next year will be Jessie Cranford, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Jennifer Murray, Secretary-Treasurer; and Lynn Murray, Member-at-Large.

Pamela Rogers Melton, Chair

Social Responsibilities

¶1 The Social Responsibilities SIS continues to serve as a venue for focusing attention on and discussing critical social issues affecting members of AALL in their professional and personal lives.

¶2 SR-SIS officers for 2004–05 were Ann Hemmens, Chair; Leslie Campbell, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Ron Wheeler, Secretary-Treasurer; Alison Alifano, Past Chair; Jeffrey Berns, Chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, Chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. The leadership team for 2005–06 includes Leslie Campbell, Chair; Elvira Embser-Herbert, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Ron Wheeler, Secretary-Treasurer. Committee chairs included Leslie Campbell, Education; Alison Alifano, Nominations; Jim Murphy, Newsletter Editor; and Janice Anderson, Web Site. The CONELL and Activities Area exhibits were coordinated by Alison Alifano and Ron

Wheeler. The Book Drive Team included Jessica Alexander, Barbara Lah, and Ron Wheeler.

¶3 The marriage equality resolution drafted in early 2004 was originally intended to be passed by the SR membership at the 2004 business meeting and then read into the official AALL record at the Members Open Forum. However, after much discussion at the meeting, the SR membership decided to present the resolution to the AALL general membership for vote at the AALL Business Meeting in July 2004. It passed. The Resolution on Constitutional Amendments Defining Marriage opposes proposed federal and state constitutional amendments defining marriage as only between a man and a woman.

¶4 In response to the call for assistance from Sri Lankan libraries following the tragic South Asia tsunami of December 26, 2004, SR-SIS donated \$1000 to the Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board.

¶5 Two SR-SIS-sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio: "Visionary Collection Development: Strategies for Building Legal Collections on Emerging Social Issues" and "Realizing Visions and Valuing History: Twenty Years of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues."

¶6 The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues awarded the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant to Courtney Selby. This \$500 grant is made possible through the generous bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University Law Library Director and AALL Treasurer. It assists members with the travel or registration costs of attending the Annual Meeting.

¶7 The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents reports that Chair Rebecca Trammell updated the federal and general sections of the third edition of *Werner's Manual for Prison Law Libraries* published by William S. Hein. After the success of the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the AALL Annual Meeting in 2004, another roundtable will be offered at San Antonio in 2005.

¶8 "Fiesta of Books" is the theme of the seventh annual children's book drive. These donations will benefit the San Antonio Independent School District's most needy school libraries which serve high numbers of at-risk children who identify as both ethnic minorities and as economically disadvantaged.

¶9 The SR-SIS bylaws were amended in the 2005 election to allow for conducting electronic election of officers, to reduce the minimum number of candidates required for officer elections from two to one per office, and to establish procedures for amending the bylaws.

Ann Hemmens, Chair

State, Court and County Law Libraries

¶1 Legislative advocacy on budget issues continues to be a primary concern for the SCCLL-SIS Executive Board. This year several local public law libraries and government libraries faced closure as a result of the poor financial outlook for state

and local governments. Despite these concerns, the SIS finished a very productive year.

¶2 SCCLL officers for 2004–05 were Sandra Marz, Chair; Barbara Golden, Vice Chair; Charles R. Dyer, Immediate Past Chair; Marcus Hochstetler, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Long, Sara Galligan, and Anne Morrison, Board Members; and Barbara Fritschel, newsletter editor and ex-officio Board Member, who took that role at the beginning of 2003–04. Recently elected officers are Catherine Lemann, Chair-Elect, and Lisa Rush, Board Member. These recently elected officers were a result of our first online election which was conducted successfully by Marcus Hochstetler. This was done after the necessary bylaws change led by Bylaws Committee Chair Anne Matthewman.

¶3 Several SCCLL members received prestigious awards in 2004–05. Charles Dyer and Michael Miller both received AALL's Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award at the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio. They are both past chairs of the section. Anita Anderson and the Awards Committee selected Joel Fishman for the SCCLL Connie E. Bolden Publications Award.

¶4 SCCLL selected Judge Lora Livingston as its VIP for 2005. She was the featured speaker at the Trustees Lunch in San Antonio. Sara Galligan, chair of the Trustees Committee, also drafted criteria for selection of this and future VIPs.

¶5 The Education Committee, under a third year of leadership by Marcus Hochstetler, received twelve program proposals of which five won acceptance by the San Antonio Program Committee.

¶6 Committee Chair Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson reports that the third SCCLL resource guide, "Management Essentials in the Public Law Library," will be available in fall 2005. The series of guides is sponsored by LexisNexis.

¶7 Cossette Sun chaired the Membership and Mentoring Committee for the second year. One of the most significant accomplishments was to partner with PLL-SIS, ALL-SIS, and AALL, to match mentors with mentees. Matches are made using the preferences (e.g., type of library, type of positions, race or ethnicity) indicated on the application forms.

¶8 SCCLL's silent auction fund-raising effort, along with challenge grants, brought in more than \$3500 for future travel grant recipients. Judy Meadows spearheaded this effort. The Grants Committee, chaired by Scott Burgh, diligently worked its way through numerous applicants and was able to award several Annual Meeting travel grants.

¶9 The revised appellate court law library standards have been completed by the Standards Committee. They were sent to the AALL Executive Board for adoption as an AALL public policy in July. The standards are a result of committee work over several years with Maryruth Storer leading the committee this year.

¶10 SCCLL members were represented in meetings outside the section and AALL. Terry Long represented the SIS at the Summit on Court Security, and Sandy Marz attended the Assembly of Court Associations with AALL President Tory Trotta.

Sandy Marz, Chair

Technical Services

¶1 Technical Services SIS officers for 2004–05 were Cindy May, Chair; Karen Douglas, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Gary Vander Meer, Past Chair; Chris Long, Secretary-Treasurer; and Jolande Goldberg and Brian Striman, Executive Board Members-at-Large. Elections resulted in the following new Executive Board members for 2005–06: Rhonda Lawrence, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Janice Anderson, Member-at-Large.

¶2 One workshop proposal and four program proposals sponsored or cosponsored by TS-SIS were approved for the San Antonio Annual Meeting. The Program/Education Committee was chaired by Michael Maben. The two-day pre-conference workshop on “Effective Subject Cataloging with Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)” was based on the full subject analysis training program developed by subcommittees of ALA’s ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee and the Library of Congress PCC Standing Committee on Training. The four programs were “Preservation Surveys by the Book: Seven Librarians Strategize Ways to Add Value to Their Collections”; “Roy Tennant on the Top Ten Trends in Library Systems”; “What Is a Core Collection Anymore?” and “Room at the Top: Strategy Tips from the Hiring Squad.” In addition, TS-SIS sponsored four programs of its own: “Easy Does It: EDI Made Simple”; “Who’s Counting? Who Cares? Revisiting the ABA Statistics Issue”; “Strategize & FRBRize Your OPAC”; and “Electronic Resources Management.”

¶3 An Ad Hoc Committee on Annual Meeting Programming, cochaired by Jolande Goldberg and Regina Wallen, was appointed in October. The committee submitted a final memorandum in March 2005 that included a number of recommendations for changes in Annual Meeting programming, some of which have already been implemented.

¶4 Karen Douglas conducted the annual membership survey which received a much higher response rate than in recent years. Members continue to be pleased with TS-SIS overall, but are greatly concerned about the low number of Annual Meeting programs relating to technical services and the way in which they are chosen. Members overwhelmingly praised AALL’s decision to allow the scheduling of additional programs during “free” meeting time on Sunday and Monday.

¶5 *Technical Services Law Librarian* (TSL) Editor Brian Striman, Layout Editor Julie Stauffer, and Webmaster Martin Wisneski successfully transformed TSL into an electronic-only publication this year, resulting in more flexibility in length and significant cost savings for the section.

¶6 The TS-SIS brochure was revised and reprinted this year. Copies are distributed at CONELL and at the Technical Services SIS activities table in the Annual Meeting exhibit hall. Brochures are also provided to chapters and individuals upon request.

¶7 Cindy May, Karen Douglas, and Gary Vander Meer drafted a bylaws revision and a new strategic plan that were discussed and voted upon at the section’s business meeting in San Antonio.

¶8 The Technical Services SIS Centennial Committee, chaired by Janice Shull, was established in February 2005 to explore ways that the section can contribute to AALL's centennial celebration.

¶9 This year the Renee Chapman Award for Outstanding Contributions to Technical Services Law Librarianship was awarded to Ann Sitkin, cataloging services librarian at Harvard Law School Library. Known widely for her work on cataloging standards, Ann has been the voice of the law cataloging community for many national and international policy-making bodies. She has also taken an active role in AALL and the Technical Services SIS.

Cindy May, Chair

Committees

AALLNET

¶1 The AALLNET Advisory Committee continued work on initiatives begun in 2003–04, while undertaking a few new projects. Its work was facilitated by board liaison Kathie Sullivan, who patiently answered many questions from the chair and committee members.

¶2 In December 2004, AALL President Tory Trotta charged the committee with developing a draft position description and job requirements for the position of AALLNET Editor recommended by the Special Committee on Member Publications. Led by committee member James Duggan, the documents were drafted and submitted to the AALL Executive Board for its April 2005 meeting. The documents were approved with some changes, and the position name was changed to AALLNET Coordinator to reflect the true nature of the position.

¶3 Committee member Cheryl Nyberg finalized a linking policy for AALLNET which explains how links are selected for inclusion in the Association's pages, AALL's nonendorsement policy, guidelines for removal, and information for outside users that wish to link to AALLNET. The policy was submitted as an information item to the Executive Board and posted on AALLNET in May 2005.

¶4 The committee participated in several projects to test AALLNET functionality. During October and November, members tested the new online elections interface developed by AALLNET webmaster Chris Siwa and AALL Director of IT Reggie Swanigan. From November through February, members provided feedback on the members only section, which was later used in the design of the new section. The committee recommended that a more reliable search engine be provided for AALLNET, which was implemented by adding Google search.

¶5 Once again, the committee was an important presence at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The much anticipated AALLNET Webmasters Workshop was organized by committee members Roy Balleste and Daniel Campbell. Guest speakers discussed the use of technologies such as Flash and blogs to deliver content to Web site audiences. Joan Shear organized the Discussion Forum Managers' Workshop, offering top ten tips for forum management. In addition to the

workshop, Joan prepared a display titled “Cast a Wide Net with AALLNET” that was used at CONELL and in the exhibit hall. The display illustrated how AALL entities use AALLNET as a tool to disseminate information such as newsletters, calendars, member directories, etc.

¶6 A new committee Web site debuted in April. Committee members contributed content for an annotated list of tools for webmasters. The site was also used to collect registrations for the San Antonio workshops. Finally, the site will contain handouts and presentations from the workshops to provide access for webmasters who were unable to attend.

¶7 Next year, the committee will work closely with the AALLNET coordinator to continue to provide accurate and current information for AALL members and for nonmembers seeking to learn more about the Association.

Raquel M. Ortiz, Chair

Access to Electronic Legal Information

¶1 The Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) continued to carry out its duties under the committee’s formal charge and the Association’s Strategic Plan. AELIC is charged to “make available assistance to court and state agencies in advancing electronic access to public information through tools such as its Legal Information Web Site and a directory of law librarian experts” and has developed a number of resources for these purposes that are freely available on the AELIC Web site.

¶2 The plan called upon the committee to “establish standards of excellence for legal information web sites that are used by consumers and librarians for law-related research.” In 2003–04, the Executive Board approved the AELIC standards: five sets of evaluation criteria, tailored by type of government Web site and designed to assist webmasters, administrators, and officials in determining how well their sites deliver legal information to the public. In 2004–05, AELIC members began to focus upon the challenge of using the approved criteria to evaluate government sites, to identify “Good Sites” and “best practices,” and to acknowledge those leading examples on the AELIC Web site.

¶3 AELIC is further charged to “exercise continued development and upgrade of these tools and [to] exhibit them at relevant conferences.” In an effort to standardize the application of the criteria, the committee began developing and deploying a set of new tools: written scoring guidelines for each set of criteria. AELIC members worked on their own and collaboratively in developing the guidelines and evaluating government Web sites. Over several conference calls, members shared their experiences in evaluating sites and discussed methods and approaches for developing the most effective guidelines. To date, “beta-version” scoring guidelines for the General Criteria and the Local Government Criteria have been completed and made available for use and comment on the AELIC Web site. Special thanks go to member Sharon Blackburn in helping to design the guidelines.

¶4 The committee participates in exhibits and presentations in such forums as the AALL Annual Meetings and the Court Technology Conference. This year, the committee successfully arranged for complimentary exhibit booth space at two new conferences: the Government Technologies Conference (GTC) and the Gilbane Content Management Conference. In May 2005, AELIC made its first appearance at GTC as Thomas Watts, Chair, and Judy Chalmers, webmaster, staffed the AELIC exhibit booth and demonstrated AELIC tools. A Powerpoint slideshow developed for the exhibit provides an overview of the work and resources of the committee; it is available on the AELIC Web site. Very special thanks to Judy Chalmers for her many Web site modifications and her participation at GTC West!

¶5 Armed with established standards, AELIC members made substantial progress in applying those standards, evaluating Web sites, enhancing existing AELIC tools, and developing new resources. AELIC also moved forward in expanding the forums available for publicizing the criteria, worksheets, and other resources of the committee!

Thomas D. Watts, Chair

2005 Annual Meeting Local Advisory

¶1 The San Antonio 2005 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) cochairs were appointed by Vice President/President-Elect Tory Trotta in September 2003. The subcommittee chairs (committee members) were fully appointed by the cochairs and were beginning the initial phases of planning for both the Boston and San Antonio meetings by March 2004. The most immediate concern for the committee was preparing for the San Antonio booth in Boston; it turned out to be a great success. The booth was strategically located next to the exhibit hall entrance, making it the first stop for many conference attendees. The daily raffles of Texas gift baskets and the Texas hospitality of the booth volunteers contributed to its popularity. The committee members present attended a joint meeting with the Boston LAC and AALL headquarters staff to ask questions. Thus, the committee left Boston well prepared to continue the preparations for the San Antonio meeting.

¶2 The LAC is charged with an array of responsibilities, including public relations, administrative duties, and social arrangements. The LAC organizes the Association luncheon (theme, menu, and centerpieces) and the closing banquet (theme, menu, centerpieces, and music). The LAC also organizes the daily conference newspaper and blog; writes articles for *AALL Spectrum* and a “Survival Guide”; and creates, provides content for, and maintains the LAC Web page. Other responsibilities include staffing the registration desk and preparing registration bags, organizing the Family Social Hour, assisting the exhibits manager with identifying new or local exhibitors, staffing the hospitality booth with volunteers knowledgeable about the host city and local attractions, soliciting and coordinating volunteers, and inviting local VIPs to the Association luncheon. Ad hoc responsibilities include answering a multitude of “local” questions that come from the

membership throughout the planning period. New for 2004–05: hosting the LAC Web site locally rather than at AALLNET and providing musical entertainment for the exhibit hall ribbon-cutting on Sunday morning and the closing reception.

¶3 The San Antonio LAC began its work with the assistance of the master calendar from the 2003 and 2004 committees. This month-by-month calendar kept the committee on track throughout both years of preparation. Because the San Antonio law library community is so small, the committee chairs hailed from all areas of Texas as well as one member each from Oklahoma and New Mexico. Thus the committee communicated almost exclusively by e-mail and teleconference, with the cochairs attending all on-site planning meetings in San Antonio during 2004–05. Carrying over from the 2004 Annual Meeting, the committee sponsored “Dine-Arounds”—group dinners hosted by San Antonio law librarians at restaurants close to the convention center prior to the opening event.

¶4 Members of the committee were Elizabeth Black Berry, Sharon Blackburn, Kathy Darrow, Trish Fabugais, David Gay, Sally Harlow, Paula Howe, Robert Hu, Jennifer Laws, Mary Lippold, Caren Luckie, Blythe McCoy, Michelle Rigual, Kay Schlueter, Kim Serna, Catherine Whitney, and Susan Yancey. Thanks to all the committee members, their subcommittee members, webmaster Wynell Wall, the Houston Area Law Librarians, and the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, plus our many volunteers and the AALL staff (especially Pam Reisinger, Heidi Letzmann, and Kim Rundle) for helping to make all the planning come together.

Mary Smith Forman and Monica M. Ortale, Cochairs

2005 Annual Meeting Program

¶1 The 2005 Annual Meeting Program Committee was appointed in fall 2003. Members included Karen B. Brunner (Chair), Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Rita R. Dermody, Jeffrey J. Dowd, Anne V. Ellis, Richard Jost, and Dwight King. An orientation meeting was held on March 19–20, 2004, in Oak Brook, Illinois, during which AALL Vice President Victoria K. Trotta presented her vision for the San Antonio meeting. After much discussion, the committee selected the theme “Strategize! Values Visions Vistas.” The committee reviewed the 2004 conference schedule which had been revised to provide more time for smaller meetings. The committee adopted a similar schedule with minor adjustments.

¶2 The committee held a brief meeting on July 11, 2004, in Boston. The chair and several committee members took part in the AMPC Open Forum on July 12, 2004. AALL members interested in submitting program proposals were informed of the details, including the online submission process, now in its second year.

¶3 The 2005 Program Selection Meeting took place on September 17–18, 2004, in Chicago. Prior to the meeting, the committee reviewed and ranked 195 proposals. The committee’s collective ranking and comments were used to guide the process which resulted in the selection of sixty-three programs and four workshops. The conference theme was well supported by the variety of topics, ranging

from a discussion of Mexican Americans and the law to preserving values by using video oral history techniques.

¶4 In addition to program selection, the committee revisited the scheduling issue at the request of President Victoria K. Trotta. A memo from the Technical Services Special Interest Section outlining issues regarding limitations of the Annual Meeting had been submitted to President Trotta and reviewed by the Executive Board. AMPC was asked to consider whether to suspend the existing “no-conflict” scheduling policy to some extent in order to allow for increased meeting scheduling for SISs in San Antonio. After much discussion, AMPC made the following change to the San Antonio meeting schedule: continue SIS scheduling during the 9–10 A.M. educational programming slot on Monday. This one change provides flexibility for scheduling meetings between 7–11:30 A.M. on Monday morning.

¶5 In spring 2005, the committee worked with President Trotta to select the plenary speakers. One speaker, Roy Tennant, was chosen to address the future of libraries. Jerry Kang was selected to reflect on technology trends and their effect on the legal profession in the future. The final act of the committee was picking the “Hot Topic” program. Ideas were solicited from members and reviewed. In conjunction with President Trotta, “Identity Theft” was chosen.

Karen B. Brunner, Chair

Awards

¶1 The Awards Committee’s regular duties are to advertise for award nominations, evaluate submissions and make award selections, notify winners and unsuccessful applicants, and coordinate recognition with headquarters staff and others. This year President Victoria Trotta also gave the committee two special charges: (1) implement all the work for choosing the Chapter Professional Development awards into committee procedure, and (2) improve the notification process for all awards, paying special attention to the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award. The committee chose seventeen winners for fifteen awards. The special charges were completed. In addition, all awards procedures and related AALLNET pages were reviewed and revised.

¶2 Committee members were Shirley Hart David (Chair), Merle Slyhoff (Board liaison), Deborah Dennison, Mark Estes, Betty Roeske, Michael Saint-Onge, Susan Zago, Johanna Bizub, Carol Bredemeyer, Charlene Cain, Gail Partin, Cornell Winston, and Milagros Rush.

¶3 The committee’s work was divided among nine subcommittees of four, with each responsible for a specific award or set of awards. The subcommittees made their selections, contacted the winners and any other AALL committee that made initial selections of candidates, and then sent the results to the Awards Committee chair. Subcommittee members were careful to refrain from deliberating or voting on awards where there was a conflict of interest. The committee chair officially notified all successful and unsuccessful (when appropriate) candidates. Articles about the Andrews and Gallagher Awards were written for publication in the June

2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. This year there was a special awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon for all awards except the Gallagher and Andrews awards, which were presented at the Association Luncheon.

¶4 The following awards were made:

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: Charles R. Dyer, Director of Libraries, San Diego County Public Law Library; Roy M. Mersky, Harry M. Reasoner Regents Chair in Law and Director of Research, The Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law; and Michael S. Miller, Retired Director, Maryland State Law Library.
- Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award: William H. Manz, *Gibson's New York Legal Research Guide* (3d ed. William S. Hein & Co.)
- *AALL Spectrum* Article of the Year: Leah Sandwell-Weiss, "A Look at the USA PATRIOT Act Today," *AALL Spectrum*, July 2004, at 10
- AALL/West Excellence in Marketing Awards: Thomas M. Cooley Law School Libraries, *Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Brochure* (Best Brochure); University of Minnesota Law Library, March to a Million Campaign: The University of Minnesota Law Library's Millionth Volume (Best Campaign); Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, *ALLUNY Newsletter* (Best Newsletter); Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library, Cleveland State University, Half Million Celebration Multimedia Presentation (Best Use of Technology); Nova Southeastern University Law Library and Technology Center, *Centuries of Commerce* (Best PR Toolkit)
- Best New Product: Thomson Gale, *The Making of Modern Law*
- Chapter Professional Development Awards: Minnesota Association of Law Libraries, "Locating Legal Information on the Web" (Comprehensive Program); Northern California Association of Law Libraries, Spring Institute 2004—"Navigating the Seven C's" (One-time Program)
- *Law Library Journal* Article of the Year Award: Susan Nevelow Mart, "Post-USA PATRIOT Act Electronic Surveillance at the Library," 96 *Law Library Journal* 449 (2004)
- Law Library Publications Awards: Thomas M. Cooley Law School Libraries, Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Drink Container Posters (Print Division); King County (Washington) Law Library, *Without Access to Information, There is No Justice: A Documentary Video Celebrating 85 Years of Public Law Libraries in Washington* (Nonprint Division)
- Public Access to Government Information Award: Ayn Crawley, Director, Maryland Legal Assistance Network, People's Law Library of Maryland (www.peoples-law.org)

¶5 The committee wishes to thank AALL headquarters staff members Susan Fox, Kimberly Rundle, Pam Reisinger, Julia O'Donnell, and Christopher Siwa for the advice and work that made the awards process run smoothly.

Shirley Hart David, Chair

Bylaws

¶1 During the 2004–05 year, the Bylaws Committee reviewed proposed changes for the following special interest sections' bylaws: Academic Law Libraries SIS; Private Law Libraries SIS; State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS; Social Responsibilities SIS; Technical Services SIS; Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS; and Online Bibliographic Services SIS. The committee also considered proposed changes for the following chapters' bylaws: Law Library Association of Maryland; Mid-America Association of Law Libraries; Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin; Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.; and South Florida Association of Law Libraries. The groups presented a variety of amendments; however, most of the groups also proposed specific changes to their bylaws in anticipation of conducting electronic balloting. The committee ultimately approved all proposed changes.

¶2 This year the AALL Executive Board also asked the committee to consider the propriety of an Annual Meeting schedule change. Specifically, the committee was asked whether or not the Executive Board can reduce the number of scheduled business meetings during the Annual Meeting to one. The committee concluded that the Executive Board can schedule only one business meeting during the Annual Meeting without violating the Association's current bylaws.

¶3 Members of the 2004–05 Bylaws Committee were David S. Mao, Chair; Glen-Peter Ahlers, Sr., Elaine Apostola, Anne McDonald, Kathleen A. McLeod, and Sally H. Wambold, members. Catherine Lemann was the Executive Board liaison.

David S. Mao, Chair

Diversity

¶1 The members of the 2004–05 Committee on Diversity included Allen R. Moyer, Chair; Ruth Bridges (resigned in September 2004), Andrew Evans, Yan Han, Robert Hu, Lizette Lopez, Kirtsin Nelson, and Evelyn Smylka (appointed in December 2004).

¶2 The committee is charged with identifying issues that relate to maximizing the diversity of AALL membership, as well as exploiting the benefits and possibilities of a diverse and complex membership. The committee's focus this year was on continuing efforts to enhance vehicles for communicating diversity-related issues, building greater awareness of diversity issues beyond the Annual Meeting, and continuing to assist the Association in carrying out initiatives relating to diversity and the AALL Strategic Plan.

¶3 In the area of communication, the committee continued using its discussion list to post employment opportunities in libraries throughout the country. At least two articles appearing in AALL publications were initiated by Diversity Committee members or highlighted Diversity Committee activities. The committee also helped to establish a Latino Librarian's Caucus, which will hold its first meeting during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. This worked well with the symposium topic this year, "A Larger Patch in the Quilt: Hispanic/Latino Americans and Their Expanding Cultural and Political Influence."

¶4 In the area of membership education and awareness, the committee promoted AALL among currently enrolled library students by sending them informational notices about the Association, its mission, and educational scholarships.

¶5 Finally, in regard to strategic plan initiatives, the committee continued its collaboration with the Grants Committee through its involvement with the Minority Leadership Development Award. Traditionally, the applications are forwarded to the Diversity Committee members for review, and a recommendation is made to the Grants Committee. This year's award went to Ronald Wheeler. He will be honored at the Association's annual awards ceremony in San Antonio.

Allen Moye, Chair

Economic Status of Law Librarianship

¶1 In its meeting in spring 2004, the AALL Executive Board, upon the recommendation of the Special Committee on Law Librarian Compensation, approved the formation of a new standing committee, the Committee on the Economic Status of Law Librarianship. The Executive Board established the standing committee to provide sustained attention to issues relating to law librarian compensation. It charged the committee with monitoring the work of other associations and the scholarly community for ideas and developments relating to compensation and pay equity, compiling information relating to improving compensation, and working collaboratively with the Executive Board and other AALL entities on initiatives relating to the issue of librarian compensation.

¶2 The committee convened its first meeting on July 12, 2004, at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Thereafter, members of the committee monitored the activities relating to compensation of other library associations, as well as scholarship relating to librarian compensation. The committee has prepared a Resource Guide on Law Librarian Compensation, a compilation of materials useful to librarians advocating improvements in compensation both individually and collectively, which will be made available on AALLNET in summer 2005.

Luis Acosta, Chair

Government Relations

¶1 The year began with a legislative advocacy training session at the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Approximately fifty people attended the program which included discussions of the funding crisis for county law libraries in Florida as well as approaches for encouraging states to improve permanent public access to electronic government information. In addition, the committee sponsored the traditional update program to keep AALL members informed of the latest legislative and governmental developments.

¶2 During the year the committee focused on its traditional function of monitoring important legislative developments and urging AALL members to contact their senators and representatives when necessary. Working through chapters has proven to be the best way to achieve this goal, so the committee continued the

practice of having its members contact each AALL chapter, as well as special interest sections, when necessary to urge action on important legislative matters.

¶3 Perhaps the most important advocacy campaign during the year related to efforts of the Government Printing Office to significantly reduce its distribution of print legal materials. GPO announced that it would only produce and distribute the fifty titles included on the “Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper Format” list. Not included were administrative decisions; senate and house reports, documents, and hearings; and other important legal materials. GPO’s plan would have severely disrupted its role of ensuring no-fee, permanent access to government information, since it has not yet established a reliable system ensuring authenticity and permanent public access to documents which it distributes and makes available online. AALL’s Washington Affairs Office issued an action alert opposing implementation of GPO’s plan which the committee immediately distributed to every AALL chapter and SIS. These efforts were successful. The Senate Rules Committee urged GPO to revise its plan to continue the publication and distribution of print materials, and GPO, in fact, moderated its original approach. This experience demonstrates the importance of the committee’s continuing advocacy efforts with respect to important legislative and regulatory matters.

¶4 Several years ago the committee published a fifty-state survey on permanent public access to electronic government publications. During 2004–05, committee members continued to report developments in their states that would implement the findings of the survey. Another important function of the committee is to review candidates for the Public Access to Government Information Award and make recommendations to the Awards Committee. This year the committee received a wide variety of nominations and recommended several possible recipients. The winner was the People’s Law Library of Maryland, a Web site developed by the Maryland Legal Assistance Network (with assistance of the Prince George’s County Law Library, the University of Maryland, and the Maryland State Law Library).

Hays Butler, Chair

Grants

¶1 In October 2004, Patricia Satzer became chair of the Grants Committee when Camilla Walker requested to be relieved of the position.

¶2 The 2003–04 committee identified the need to clarify the requirements for the Minority Leadership Development Award (MLDA), specifically with regard to whether all criteria needed to be satisfied by the time an application is submitted, and also to clarify the minimum amount of professional law library experience required of the applicant. The 2004–05 committee, working in cooperation with the Diversity Committee, added language to notify applicants that all criteria must be met upon submission of an application. The committees also clarified the amount of professional experience required of MLDA applicants, determining that an applicant must have been a member of AALL for at least two years or have two years of full-time, professional law library work experience. After determining that changes

to the MLDA criteria did not require AALL Executive Board approval, the Grants Committee implemented the changes to the criteria on the MLDA application form and on the Web page.

¶3 This year the committee received forty-two applications requesting grants to attend the Annual Meeting or a workshop. It awarded twenty-eight grants. The committee received three applications for the MLDA. In consultation with the Diversity Committee, it presented the award to Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr.

¶4 The Chair documented procedures for the compilation of a new Grants Committee Chair Manual.

¶5 The Chair recommends that in the future AALL headquarters consider devoting secure Web space to posting the grant applications, rather than continuing the practice of mailing the applications to committee members. This change would allow the committee to begin evaluation of the applications as soon as the application deadline is past.

¶6 Joan E. Stringfellow will chair the Grants Committee during 2005–06.

Patricia A. Satzer, Chair

Indexing of Periodical Literature

¶1 The Advisory Committee on the Indexing of Periodical Literature reviews published legal periodicals and makes recommendations to the Thomson Gale editorial staff as to inclusion of such titles in *Current Law Index*, LegalTrac, and LRI. Recommendations are based on selection guidelines adopted by the Association in 1997, with revisions in April 2003.

¶2 The 2003–04 committee determined that instead of conducting two meetings at the Annual Meeting, one representing the existing committee and the other the new committee, it was more efficient that the current and newly appointed committees meet together as one at the Annual Meeting. The new committee would then continue to review titles through mailings and e-mail correspondence during its term year. Consequently, the 2004–05 appointed committee met July 11, 2004, at the Boston meeting and again with the 2005–06 appointed committee, July 19, 2005, at the San Antonio meeting.

¶3 Although the committee's charge is to recommend titles for inclusion, the committee expressed concern that some titles already included had not yet been indexed to date. This eventually should correct itself as there was a time lapse for training after Thomson Gale outsourced some of the indexing to the Philippines. The committee encouraged Thomson Gale to use a PDF file format, which reflects the actual printed material, rather than an HTML file when including the full text of an article in the index. The committee also encouraged Thomson Gale to consider negotiating a link for full-text retrieval from its indexing to a product such as HeinOnline.

¶4 Throughout the year the committee considered and approved fifteen titles, including an electronic journal. In March, Thomson Gale indicated that 97% of the top three hundred items listed in the Washington & Lee Most Cited Legal

Periodicals List were included in *Current Law Index/LegalTrac/LRI*. Thomson Gale requested that the committee consider including the remaining 3%. The committee broadened the request to look at the entire Washington & Lee list, beginning first with titles not included in *Current Law Index* but included in Wilson's *Index to Legal Periodicals*. The remaining titles not included in either of the standard legal indexes were passed on to the 2005–06 committee for review.

¶5 The 2004–05 committee included Claire M. Germain, Board Liaison; Janet R. Hirt, Chair; Jeffrey T. Bowen, Sue Kelleher, Peggy McDermott, Masako Patrum, and Stephanie Schmitt, Members. Jennifer F. Bernardelli, Product Manager, and Cheryl Toliver, Indexing/Abstracting Production Specialist, were the Thomson Gale contacts.

Janet R. Hirt, Chair

Membership and Retention

¶1 The members of the committee conducted a telephone survey with past members who had not renewed their membership for 2004–05. Names and contact information were provided by Steven Oberhoffer, AALL Membership Coordinator. Committee members placed 208 calls, with 87 past members rejoining after contact was made, for a 42% success rate. Reasons for nonrenewal included retirement (25), employer will no longer pay (14), no longer a law librarian (10), other associations are a better fit (7), and several other individual reasons. Eight comments were recorded.

¶2 At its July 2004 meeting, the committee discussed implementing a new member drive through a “First Year Free” offer for institutional members. This program would allow an institutional member to add one new member at no charge. The proposal was approved by the AALL Executive Board at its November 2004 meeting and was implemented with the 2005–06 dues invoices. As of June 2005, more than 120 new memberships were processed through this campaign. Future Membership and Retention committees should monitor the results of this campaign over the next several years as a similar campaign proved to be a long-term success in the past.

¶3 Steven Oberhoffer worked on the new member welcome brochure and other literature for members to ensure consistency in graphics and messaging.

¶4 The Chair would like to thank committee members Sheryl Kramer, Kathleen Martin, Grace Mills, Cheryl Niemeier, Charles Oates, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Adeen Postar, and Trina Robinson. The Chair would also like to thank Executive Board liaison Ann Fessenden, AALL Membership Coordinator Steven Oberhoffer, and AALL Director of Finance and Administration Steve Ligda.

Cindy Spohr, Chair

Mentoring

¶1 Pauline Aranas, Adrienne Cobb, Joe Custer, Druet Cameron Klugh, John Lai, Terry Long, Kristy Moon, Jennifer Murray, Nancy Thoms, and Chris Tighe

served on the 2004–05 Mentoring Committee. The Executive Board liaison was Nina Platt.

¶2 The committee identified its goals for the year at the organizational meeting during the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. As the committee's charge indicates, two of the goals were to hold the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) and to manage the Mentoring Project. However, in an effort to make the Mentoring Committee's efforts applicable to all of the AALL membership, the committee also implemented a new goal of establishing a Mentor Hotline. The purpose was to provide short-term mentoring to any AALL member in need. The committee believes that even experienced law librarians have a need for advice regarding isolated incidents on a short-term basis. This is in contrast to the Mentoring Project which strives to establish a long-term relationship between a newer librarian and a more experienced one. To achieve these goals, the committee formed four subcommittees: CONELL, chaired by Joe Custer; Mentoring Project, chaired by Kristy Moon; Mentor Hotline, chaired by Gregory Ivy; and Public Relations, cochaired by Druet Cameron Klugh and John Lai.

¶3 The Mentor Hotline Subcommittee had the large task of creating the Mentor Hotline development plan and implementing it. Assisted by Christopher Siwa of AALL headquarters, the subcommittee drafted an online form for interested members to use. Allowing for anonymous submissions, the form is now available from the committee Web site.

¶4 The Mentoring Project Subcommittee's main goal was a continuation of last year's goal to eliminate duplication of mentoring efforts by AALL and its chapters and special interest sections. To this end, Kristy Moon worked with ALL-SIS, PLL-SIS, and SCCLL-SIS to improve and refine the cooperation established between these special interest sections and the committee. This year the committee made fifty-three matches between mentors and mentees.

¶5 The CONELL Subcommittee received a directive from AALL President Victoria K. Trotta to eliminate the registration cap of ninety participants which had existed in previous years. The CONELL events were revised and structured to accommodate an anticipated growth to a hundred participants. The 2005 CONELL program followed the format of the 2004 CONELL program, including Dutch Treat Dinners on Friday night to provide early arriving participants the opportunity to have dinner with a group if they so desired. On Saturday, after brief presentations by several invited speakers, three concurrent sessions were held: Ask the Experts, Speed Networking, and the CONELL Marketplace.

¶6 The Publication Relations Subcommittee promoted both the Mentoring Project and CONELL throughout the year by various means, including the *AALL Spectrum* Committee News column and law librarian discussion list postings. In addition, when appropriate, the subcommittee submitted articles to the Conference of Newsletter Editors discussion list for publication in various law library-related newsletters. Jennifer Murray and Druet Cameron Klugh served as webmasters for the committee and promoted activities through the Web site as well.

Jennifer S. Murray, Chair

Nominations

¶1 Nominations Committee members Roger Jacobs, Ann Jeter, Mon Yin Lung, Mike Miller, the late Madison Mosley Jr., and Elizabeth Schneider started the effort to identify a slate of candidates for the Association's 2006 election in January 2005. This included creating a committee work plan; reviewing AALL Bylaws for relevant ground rules; and revising the committee's Web site to include the 2005 committee work plan, project timeline, and answers to frequently asked questions about the nominating process. Member leadership data was collected from the 2004 committee and from AALL headquarters staff.

¶2 In February, committee members posted short news alerts on a variety of Association-related e-mail discussion lists to announce the efforts of the committee to identify potential nominees. Executive Director Susan Fox included a short article about this in her "From the Desk Of" e-mail to AALL members. Brief articles also appeared in *AALL Spectrum* urging members to submit names for consideration.

¶3 Using the suggestions from members and the data collected in prior years, the committee created a master leadership database. In March, 136 members were contacted by phone to determine their willingness to be considered for the 2006 slate. Those who agreed to be considered were asked to secure the approval of their organization before the committee began its deliberations.

¶4 Through a series of telephone conference calls and e-mails, the committee in April reviewed the qualifications of the eighty-four individuals who secured the approval of their organization to be considered for nomination. From this master list, the committee developed a slate of candidates and alternates. The chair contacted these individuals to notify them of their inclusion on the slate and to ask each to submit a written letter of acceptance of their placement on the slate.

¶5 After receiving all acceptance letters, the committee members sent letters to all individuals who were considered for a position on the slate but not nominated, notifying them that they had not been selected and thanking them for their willingness to be considered. Then the chair submitted the 2006 slate to AALL President Tory Trotta, AALL Vice President/President-Elect Claire Germain, and Susan Fox in early May.

¶6 The 2006 AALL slate is comprised of Ann T. Fessenden and Nina Platt, Vice President/President-Elect candidates; and Sarah Reneker Andeen, Kelly Browne, Janice E. Henderson, and Cornell H. Winston, Executive Board Member candidates.

Jean Holcomb, Chair (2005)

Placement

¶1 The Placement Committee had a fairly busy year in 2004–05. The committee's primary responsibility is to manage and staff the Placement Office at the Annual Meeting, but it also took part in other activities related to employment in law librarianship.

¶2 At the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston, there were fifty-three registered candidates and sixty-two jobs posted. The office's hours of operation remained

the same as previous years: Saturday, noon to 5:00 P.M.; Sunday through Tuesday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; and Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. to noon. Many thanks to the members of the committee who assisted in the Placement Office: Julia Jaet, Matt Morrison, Michelle Rigual, Bettie Scott, Nancy Strohmeier, Deborah Sulzbach, and Dee Wood. Deep appreciation is also extended to Steven Oberhoffer, AALL membership coordinator, who assisted during the meeting and throughout the course of the year.

¶3 During the 2004 Boston meeting, the committee also asked Placement Office users to complete surveys assessing office services and suggesting ideas for future professional development programs related to placement issues. Overall, people seemed generally pleased with the Placement Office. In light of suggestions for placement-related programming, Fran Jones submitted a proposal for the San Antonio Annual Meeting. Although it was not accepted, the committee may resubmit it for 2006.

¶4 In an effort to determine how many successful placements resulted from the Boston meeting, members of the committee, including David Bachman, Diane Murley, and Nancy Strohmeier, also followed up with employers and candidates after the meeting. Final results will be posted to the Placement Committee Web site when they are available.

¶5 Thanks to Chris Siwa, AALL Web Administrator, the video for the successful committee-sponsored salary negotiation program at the 2004 Annual Meeting was posted to AALLNET and linked on the Placement Committee Web site. Thanks again to committee member Michelle Rigual for coordinating the program.

¶6 The committee's Web site continued to evolve with David Bachman and Matt Morrison as webmasters. The committee also created its first online registration forms for employers and candidates using Placement Office services in San Antonio.

¶7 In response to a request by an AALL member, AALLNET referred to the Placement Committee the task of creating a list of legal recruiters that handle law librarians. A task force led by Jack Bissett and including Ron Wheeler and Nancy Marcove compiled a list and contacted recruiters individually to confirm that they would consider handling law librarians. The document is available on the committee's Web site. It is hoped that AALL members and other law librarians will suggest additional recruiters for the list.

Michelle Pearse, Chair

Public Relations

¶1 As in prior years, the 2004–05 Public Relations Committee was motivated by the “Statement on the Value Added to Organizations by Law Librarians.” The committee's underlying goals were to make AALL members more aware of public relations opportunities and to maximize their visibility in their organizations. Members of the 2004–05 committee were Stephanie Ball, Linda Brown, Sue Burch, Mark Engsborg, Phill Johnson, Bridget MacMillan, Holly Riccio, Erika

Wayne (Chair), and David Zopfi-Jordan. The AALL Executive Board liaison was Kathie J. Sullivan.

¶2 Each committee member contributed to insightful public relations columns in *AALL Spectrum*. The topics covered included fund-raising, educational outreach, and customer service.

¶3 The AALL/West Excellence in Marketing (EIM) Awards honor outstanding achievement in five categories of public relations activity. The 2005 competition was handled by Stephanie Ball, Phill Johnson, and Erika Wayne, with the terrific assistance of Lori Hedstrom of West who managed the printing and delivery of the EIM guidelines and application that were sent to every AALL member. The subcommittee reviewed forty-eight entries in the first round of judging, and then forwarded finalists to the AALL Awards Committee for selection of the winners. These were: **Best Brochure**—Thomas M. Cooley Library; **Best Newsletter**—Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York; **Best Campaign**—University of Minnesota Law Library; **Best PR Toolkit**—Nova Southeastern Law Library and Technology Center; and **Best Use of Technology**—Cleveland Marshall Law Library.

¶4 As it is every year, the committee was a vital part of the San Antonio Annual Meeting “fiesta.” Linda Brown and Stephanie Ball coordinated the CONELL Marketplace. The thirteenth annual Public Relations Showcase, housed in the Activities Area of the Exhibit Hall, was managed by Mark Engsborg and Linda Brown. Another great activity is the Chapter Leadership Roundtable on Public Relations which this year was produced by David Zopfi-Jordan and Bridget MacMillan. It is a great opportunity for chapter leaders to discuss PR strategies and learn a few tips from the EIM award winners.

¶5 Perhaps the committee’s most talked about activity this year was the “Day in the Life of the Law Library Community.” The project was gracefully executed by committee members Sue Burch and Holly Riccio. Special thanks are due Julia O’Donnell at AALL for being our muse and expert all along the way. The project asked AALL members to take photographs of law librarians during Library Week 2005, April 11–15. It included a contest for the best photos in six categories (Librarians as Information Evaluators, Librarians as Information Managers, Librarians as Expert Researchers, Librarians as Teachers, Librarians as Trainers, and Librarians as Mentors) based on the AALL Value Statement. To drum up interest in the event and contest, multiple columns were featured in *AALL Spectrum* in the months leading up to the event. Members submitted 183 photos for this contest; judging will be tackled by next year’s committee. The winners will be featured in a special issue of *AALL Spectrum* and will be recognized at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Erika V. Wayne, Chair

Publications

¶1 In furtherance of its charge, the committee this year reviewed two publication proposals. One was rejected as incompatible with the aims of the AALL

Publications Series. The other was accepted by the committee in early June. It will now be submitted to Hein to consider for inclusion in the series. The proposed publication is an update to William Benemann's *Genre Terms for Law Materials: A Thesaurus*, which first appeared in the series in 2000. The original publication has proven useful in providing catalogers with a controlled vocabulary for adding format information to cataloging records, thus allowing researchers to choose which format of a work might best serve their needs. Mr. Benemann's proposal makes the point that the field is changing so rapidly that an update of the work is essential.

¶2 A major initiative of this year's committee was outreach. Formal liaisons were appointed to the Research and Public Relations committees. The committee published a notice in the November 2004 issue of *AALL Spectrum* encouraging publication with AALL, briefly describing the proposal process, and giving the committee's Web site address. The committee placed a similar notice in the Spring 2005 issue of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*. In addition, the committee has developed a brochure containing all the information in the brief notices that the committee has published, as well as more information about the committee, the AALL Publications Series, and the proposal submission process. The brochure will be distributed at CONELL, where the committee will have a table in the marketplace, and will also be used in further efforts to publicize the AALL publications process.

¶3 One ongoing project is a review of the AALL series with a view to deciding which publications need to be updated and, if so, in what format. Members of the committee this year reviewed several publications and recommended updates to these publications, some in electronic formats. This review process is likely to continue in 2005–06.

Mary L. Wells, Chair

Recruitment to Law Librarianship

¶1 This year saw both planning for new initiatives and execution of last year's plans. In Boston, the committee met in a joint session of the 2003–04 and 2004–05 membership. The 2004–05 members were Kenneth Hirsh, Chair; Kathleen Carrick, Judith Gaskell, Susan Lewis-Somers, Robert Marshall, James Milles, Janet Oberla, Deidra Payne, and Phebe Poydras, members; Ann Fessenden, AALL Executive Board liaison; and Steven Oberhoffer, AALL staff liaison.

¶2 The committee concentrated its efforts on three initiatives. First, it continued to work with the Placement and Mentoring committees on promoting free or substantially reduced Annual Meeting registration fees for students. In response to a Board request, the committee researched whether similar organizations provide discounted registration fees to students. Information about four other national organizations was reported to the Board. At its April 2005 meeting, the Board voted to reduce student registration fees to \$100 beginning with the 2006 meeting.

¶3 Second, the committee chair participated in conference call meetings of a newly convened group of the chairs of committees related to membership and

recruitment. This group identified several issues needing its attention: determining who the primary committee contacts should be for recruiting students; working with the graduate education committee to contact library schools and provide information to their students; identifying all the appropriate committees and other formal groups in AALL who are involved in the recruitment effort; and providing better coordination of the efforts of these committees and groups.

¶4 Third, the committee planned its first recruitment roundtable at the 2005 Annual Meeting. The goal of the roundtable was to involve a wider range of AALL membership in recruitment. The committee also hosted space in the activities area, and the incoming chair, Susan Lewis-Somers, participated in the CONELL marketplace.

¶5 The committee recruited a new webmaster, Diane Murley, who quickly updated its Web site. It anticipates increasing the site's use in the recruitment effort. In the coming year committee members will review publications, including "Finding Your Way in the Information Age," for revision.

¶6 Susan Lewis-Somers will chair the committee in the coming year. I have enjoyed my two years on the committee and will continue my interest in encouraging new members to join our profession.

Ken Hirsh, Chair

Relations with Information Vendors

¶1 The committee had another full year of vendor relations activities, including monitoring and reporting developments in legal publishing and maintaining communications with publishers and law librarians.

¶2 CRIV conducted a mini-site visit to the headquarters office of William S. Hein & Co. in Buffalo, New York. Prior to the visit, the site visit subcommittee solicited questions, concerns, and other comments from the AALL community. The majority of them focused on the HeinOnline product, with microfiche, cataloger's Web, journals (agent), and monographs also covered. Several CRIV members attended the visit and discussed these issues with top Hein executives. A report of the visit will appear in the *CRIV Sheet* insert in the November 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

¶3 Throughout the year, the CRIV chair participated in conference calls held by AALL's Fair Business Practices Implementation Task Force. The task force culminated its work by presenting to the AALL Executive Board a final report recommending future direction for oversight of the AALL Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers. A program at the San Antonio Annual Meeting titled "The Guide to Fair Business Practices: Where Do We Go from Here?" focused on librarians' effective use of the Guide in negotiating and problem solving with information vendors.

¶4 CRIV also published three issues of the *CRIV Sheet* and four "CRIV Notes" columns in *AALL Spectrum*. The committee responded to numerous requests from law librarians for information or assistance. It also issued eight electronic

CRIVGrams, designed to inform the law library community of changes in the publishing industry or to assist publishers with urgent and timely announcements for their customers.

¶5 This year's accomplishments represent significant work to benefit both law librarians and legal publishers. I would like to extend my thanks to the committee members for their hard work in facilitating effective communications and cooperative working relationships between librarians and publishers.

Ellen Strbak, Chair

Research

¶1 In fulfillment of its charge, the AALL Research Committee (Duncan Alford, Karen Beck, Joel Fishman, Trina Tinglum, Susan Tulis, Eloise Vondruska and Michael Slinger, Chair) administered both the fall 2004 AALL/Aspen Publishers and spring 2005 AALL/LexisNexis research grant competitions.

¶2 In the fall, the committee evaluated eleven submissions and awarded grants totaling \$5000 to the following law librarians: Charles Cronin, for his Music Plagiarism Digital Archive at Columbia Law Library project; Karl Gruben, for his AmLaw 100 KM Survey project; and Betsy McKenzie, for her Effects on PCs and Databases on Legal Analysis Skills project.

¶3 In the spring, the committee evaluated five submissions and awarded the \$5000 research grant to Nancy Carol Carter, for her Research Template for Building Indian Nation Archives project.

¶4 The members of the 2004–05 Research Committee wish to thank all of the individuals who participated in the competition and the people at Aspen Publishing and at LexisNexis who make these grants possible due to their generous support.

Michael J. Slinger, Chair

Special Committees, Task Forces, and Council

AALL Centennial Celebration Special Committee

¶1 Throughout 2004–05, the committee concentrated its efforts on publicizing the forthcoming centennial year and encouraging SISs and chapters to plan celebratory activities and programs. The centennial Web site was launched by webmaster Diane Murley, with strong support from committee member Frank Houdek. Featured on the site are “toolkits” created by Karl Gruben and Richard Amelung to provide individual members and groups with ideas for ways to celebrate the centennial. A number of resources are included to help carry out the ideas: articles on the history of AALL, its SISs, chapters, and luminaries that have appeared in *Law Library Journal* over the years; “Overheard at the Bar Programs” featuring the reminiscences of long-time members, presented at Annual Meetings; and a chronology of AALL history. A “Research Agenda” prepared by Frank Houdek suggests many subjects for which aspiring researchers and writers can locate materials in the AALL Archives and association publications.

¶2 At the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston, Gruben and Amelung appeared at the training sessions for new SIS and chapter officers to urge them to make use of the toolkits to undertake centennial projects. Committee members Janice Henderson, Jim Heller, Frank Houdek, David Mao, and Carol Billings presented a humorous skit revealing many important happenings in AALL history as part of the CONELL program. The committee also held two planning meetings with President-Elect Claire Germain, one of which included members of the Local Advisory Committee for the 2006 St. Louis meeting.

¶3 President-Elect Germain has been most supportive of the centennial planning effort, choosing to emphasize AALL's relationship with other members of the legal and library communities in this country and abroad. She plans to invite representatives of those communities to attend the St. Louis meeting as participants and has encouraged SISs and chapters to take advantage of the V.I.P. program to sponsor guests from their localities or areas of interest.

¶4 Other AALL entities have also become involved in centennial projects. For instance, the Public Relations Committee sponsored a photo contest, "A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community," to illustrate the varied talents and responsibilities of members of the profession. The Legal History and Rare Books SIS presented a program on how to conduct video oral histories at the San Antonio meeting, and the Computer Services SIS has offered its assistance with the centennial Web site.

¶5 *Law Library Journal* editor Frank Houdek has begun publishing a series of articles relating to various aspects of American legal history and the history of law librarianship and law libraries. The committee has also encouraged members to submit articles about the association, the profession, and the centennial to bar, law school, and library publications. Regular articles about centennial celebration opportunities have appeared in *AALL Spectrum*.

¶6 The official kick-off of the centennial year took place in San Antonio. Frank Houdek once again coordinated one of his popular programs featuring reminiscing veteran law librarians, "Now Serving at the Centennial Cantina: Margaritas, Nachos, and AALL History." The committee again presented skits at CONELL and the SIS and chapter leaders' training sessions, and a lucky member won a "Weekend Getaway in St. Louis" prize at a drawing in the Exhibit Hall. Kelly Browne recruited entertainers for a variety show featuring AALL members to be presented in 2006 in St. Louis. As it did for the Boston meeting, committee members were on hand at its table in the Exhibit Hall Activities Area to promote the centennial and encourage members to get involved in the celebration.

Carol Billings, Cochair

Council of Newsletter Editors

¶1 The Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) membership includes fifty-eight newsletter editors of AALL-affiliated groups. Following the successful workshop presented in 2004, CONE sponsored a second workshop in 2005. The "Newsletter

Editor Training Workshop” was sponsored by West and held at the Marriott Rivercenter on Saturday, July 16, 2005. Workshop topics included how to begin a newsletter, thinking about designs, columns, themes, photographs, and clip art. Also covered were layout and delivery formats (print vs. electronic). The workshop ended with discussion and critiques of various CONE newsletters.

¶2 The CONE Web page was updated this year with current links to online newsletters and current editor information. The electronic discussion list also was updated and activated. The members at the business meeting thought the discussion list would be very helpful, and the Web page was also useful to contact other editors.

¶3 This year many of the newsletters were distributed electronically. Several entities still mail their issues, but the majority distribute through the Web. Also, several chapters have created blogs to go along with their newsletters.

Liz Glankler, Cochair

Open Access Task Force

¶1 The Open Access Task Force was appointed for one year and charged with identifying the relevant issues for the legal community concerning open access and determining what role if any the Association should play in the current debate. The task force’s interim report published as a Members Briefing in the April 2005 issue of *AALL Spectrum* outlined the issues affecting the legal community and the general contributions AALL might make. The task force recommended to the Executive Board that AALL take an active role in promoting and assisting in the Open Access movement. This report is a brief summary of the final report to the Board.

¶2 The task force finds that the open access movement compliments the tradition in legal scholarship of sharing information. The increased publication of articles on SSRN and BePress shows the growing need for faculty to share their scholarship through electronic publication. Making scholarly materials as equally accessible as primary authority is on Web sites such as Cornell’s LII would be a tremendous service to scholars outside the legal profession and members of the general public, both in the United States and abroad.

¶3 The task force is also aware of numerous issues that need to be resolved. Student editors are fearful that they will lose subscribers if articles are published in repositories. Faculty are unhappy with the current licensing agreements imposed by student journals. Retrieval from online repositories is poor because of the lack of standard subject headings in the metadata. The legal profession’s experience with repositories such as SSRN and BePress is, in fact, so short-lived that the task force has not yet addressed the question of what the standards should be for the ideal repository and whether there should be one national law repository, a series of regional repositories, or individual repositories maintained by each law school for its own publications.

¶4 The task force has recommended to the Executive Board that it continue its work. The greatest contribution we as librarians can make is establishing standard

subject headings for metadata tags. We also need to explore the various types of repositories and what the best practices should be. Resolving the copyright difficulties is outside our scope, but we hope to be able to indicate our support for one of the presently emerging models. Finally, we need to work to educate ourselves about the benefits of open access in order to educate our students and faculty. The task force hopes to be able to serve as a clearinghouse for students, scholars, and faculty seeking information on open access and legal scholarship.

¶5 Task force members are Paul George, Chair; Richard Danner, Anne Kleinfelter, George Pike, Donna Scheeder, Keith Ann Stiverson, members; Robert Oakley and Sam Trosow, ex officio members; and Claire Germain, Executive Board liaison.

Paul George, Chair

Planned Giving Task Force

¶1 President Janis Johnston appointed the task force in 2003 to develop the documentation, mechanisms, and publicity necessary to provide members with an opportunity to invest in AALL's long-term financial strength through planned giving. Members were Judy Meadows (Chair), Patrick Kehoe, and Karl Gruben.

¶2 The task force investigated various vehicles and recommended to the AALL Executive Board that the Association contract with the Stelter Company to build a Web site that will mirror AALL's Web page. The company will provide a seamless link; members will not be aware that they have been sent to a new server. Stelter will provide full content on the benefits to the individual and AALL of planned giving. Monthly updates will be provided, with fresh content. Any changes in tax law or gift law will be made within twenty-four hours. The content will be fully personalized, with a message from Past President Johnston. It will emphasize simple techniques of giving, such as life insurance, bequests, and trusts.

¶3 The Executive Board accepted the task force's recommendations and has budgeted funds to begin the program. The task force had a table in the Activities Area during the San Antonio Annual Meeting, providing brochures prepared by the Stelter Company that explain the planned giving program and its benefits. The chair plans to write an article on planned giving for a future issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

¶4 The task force's charge has been completed and it was dissolved as of July 2005.

Judy Meadows, Chair

Representatives

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

¶1 Midwinter meetings were dominated by discussion of the first draft of AACR3, part one. Strong concerns were voiced about the structure of the draft,

the difficulty of its use, and the perception that the draft was merely a rearrangement of the old rules.

¶2 The deadline for comments to CC:DA was February 11, 2005. A group of eight law catalogers reviewed the draft, and I relayed all comments to the CC:DA. I assisted in summarizing comments for integrating resources and for three other general sections. The summarized version then went to Jennifer Bowen to use in creating her report (www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/docs/jsc0506.pdf) to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC).

¶3 At the April meeting of the JSC, dissatisfaction with the structure and organization of the draft led to a change in direction. Work on AACR3 was halted and a new standard, tentatively titled RDA: Resource Description and Access, was started. Because RDA is seen as a content standard, it will be independent of the format used to communicate the information.

¶4 The outline for the new document was discussed at the CC:DA meetings at the ALA Annual Conference in June, using proposals from the Library of Congress and the editor. RDA, part 1 identifies the resource and describes the technical characteristics of the resource. Directly aligned with the FRBR model, it will focus on the attributes of the work, expression, manifestation, and item that are used to identify the resource and to describe the technical characteristics and content of the resource. General instructions as well as supplementary and special instructions applying to specific type of content, media, or mode of issuance will be grouped together under the relevant element of the description. The rules for continuing and integrating resources will follow the general rule for the relevant data elements.

¶5 RDA, part 2 addresses relationships, related works, expressions, manifestations, and items, as well as persons, corporate bodies, and families that play some role with respect to the resource being described. The idea of a “primary access point” is being considered to replace the term “main entry heading,” but the concept remains the same—to give primary emphasis to the creator of the work contained in the manifestation being cataloged. At the end of May, a memo was posted on the JSC Web site, asking for input from the various constituencies concerning the special rules in chapter 21. JSC wishes to eliminate and simplify rules in this chapter whenever possible. Since the rules currently in 21.31 through 21.36 (the special legal rules) directly affect the law library community, a group of eight law catalogers discussed each one in a report to CC:DA that includes our recommendations.

¶6 RDA, part 3 addresses authority work. This area includes uniform titles, an important concern for law and one that will require input.

¶7 As drafts are released, AALL catalogers will be called upon for assistance in reviewing and commenting on this primary tool for resource description and access.

Kathy Winzer

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

¶1 The Subject Analysis Committee and its subcommittees have been working on headings for named structures, classification training, faceted application of subject headings, and on semantic interoperability.

¶2 The group charged with studying semantic interoperability has identified about thirty-six projects using semantic interoperability and is developing evaluation criteria. The criteria are designed to be used by creators of semantically interoperable vocabularies and systems. Renardus (www.renardus.org) is an example of a successful project.

¶3 The training committee is writing a course on Library of Congress classification. It is designed for a general collection cataloger but will teach the fundamentals of classification applicable to all schedules.

¶4 The named buildings group has been reviewing the policies relating to whether buildings headings are subject headings or are name headings capable of authorship. Although the subcommittee was disbanded, the architecture librarians will continue to study this problem.

¶5 The FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Headings) subcommittee is studying the application of a simpler system of subject headings that will have authority control and that can be used by creators of metadata. It could be used by personnel without extensive training. It has been used in cataloging some digital image projects and is sponsored by OCLC.

¶6 A more detailed report is available in the *Technical Services Law Librarian* and on the Technical Services Special Interest Section Web site (www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis).

Marie Whited

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

¶1 The January 2005 and June 2005 MARBI meetings continued the trend of fewer proposals and discussion papers than normal. A total of nine proposals, one discussion paper, and two Library of Congress reports were presented during the two sets of meetings. Most of the 2005 proposals involved changes to the bibliographic formats, although one involved the classification format and one involved the holdings format. The lone discussion paper resulted in a formal proposal for the addition of subfields for relator terms/codes for subject access to images in the bibliographic format, which was passed with some revisions. One of the two proposals that failed to pass proposed defining a new subfield for nonunique or nonapplicable ISBNs or LCCNs in fields 020 and 010, respectively. Instead of defining this new subfield, the committee asked the Library of Congress to refine the definition of subfield z for these fields to include these types of ISBNs and LCCNs.

¶2 Adoption of the Unicode character set in MARC 21 continues to be a topic of discussion. The Unicode character set is of particular interest to law librarians because the section (§) and paragraph (¶) symbols are available in Unicode, but not in MARC-8, which is the current character set used in MARC 21 records. Many technical issues remain to be resolved in the transition from the use of the MARC-8 character set to the use of Unicode. One of the Library of Congress reports addressed some of these issues and resulted in a motion to disallow the use of the few nonstandard Unicode characters in MARC21 records. The motion passed unanimously. In addition, it was noted that the Library of Congress has created a "Unicode-MARC" electronic discussion list (marc-unicode@loc.gov), which is devoted to the technical aspects of implementing Unicode in MARC21 records.

¶3 The other Library of Congress report addressed another continuing topic of discussion, the impact of FRBR on the MARC 21 bibliographic, authority, and holdings formats. Other business included the decision of the MARBI chair to create a task force to review and make comments on the forthcoming drafts of RDA: Resource Description and Access (the cataloging rules revision formerly known as AACR3). A joint meeting of CC:DA (ALA's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access) and MARBI to address the potential MARC21 implications of RDA will be scheduled during a future ALA conference.

¶4 Of interest to all catalogers is the announcement that the Automation Vendor Information Advisory Committee (AVIAC) plans to submit a proposal to MARBI in January 2006 for the creation of a separate subfield for 13 digit ISBNs in the 020 field of bibliographic records.

Karen Selden

*ALA/RUSA Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources
Section/Interlibrary Loan Committee*

¶1 This year ALA concentrated its efforts on putting into effect a major reorganization. Interlibrary loan functions now fall within the broad category of resource sharing, under the aegis of the Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section (STARS) of the reconstituted Reference and User Services Association (RUSA). Resource sharing is now considered to include all cooperative reference, acquisitions, and interlibrary loan and document delivery services, as well as all other consortial arrangements for remote storage, etc.

¶2 STARS formally approved its bylaws at the ALA Midwinter Conference in 2005, and established ten subcommittees, among them committees for Interlibrary Loan; International Interlibrary Loan; Code, Guidelines and Technical Standards; Vendor Relations; and Legislation and Licensing.

¶3 Concerning the more narrow focus of interlibrary loan for which I serve as a liaison with ALA, there have been no recent changes to the Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States, prepared by ALA in 1994 and revised in 2001. The goal of STARS is to revise this code on a seven-year cycle, and the Codes, Guidelines and

Technical Standards Committee is just now beginning to consider setting up a task force to take the code under revision.

Hazel D. Lord

Washington Affairs Office

¶1 **Copyright Issues: Federal and International.** The Washington Office continued to oppose federal efforts to impose technological mandates that would limit fair uses of digital content and other exemptions carved out for libraries in the Copyright Act. We joined a host of allies last fall in successfully opposing S. 2560, the Inducing Infringement of Copyrights Act (INDUCE Act), that was strongly supported by then Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT). The Act would have made companies and other Internet service providers liable if their software or technology encouraged users to violate copyright laws. Our coalition countered the INDUCE Act by sending Sen. Hatch a draft alternative, the Discouraging Online Networked Trafficking Inducement Act or DON'T INDUCE Act. We also opposed new rules promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission for the "broadcast flag," a small amount of data added to a digital TV signal that determines how the programming may be used by devices other than a television set. The FCC's new rules required that all TV sets, computers, and other devices capable of directly receiving digital TV signals be required to follow the "flag" instructions, thus limiting the distribution of digital programs. In October 2004, we joined eight other nonprofits in filing a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit which argued that the FCC had exceeded its authority by imposing the broadcast flag regime. In a unanimous decision, the court ruled in May 2005 that the FCC does not have the authority to mandate the broadcast flag. AALL joined other library groups in filing a joint amicus brief with the Supreme Court in *MGM Studios, Inc. v. Grokster* in February. The 9th Circuit had sided with a U.S. district court in California that Grokster and Morpheus could not be held secondarily liable for infringements by users of their peer-to-peer (P2P) software. The court found that there are substantial noninfringing uses for P2P file-sharing software, such as to share public domain materials and government documents. This is a seminal case about the future of the information technology industry, the Internet, and the fair use of digital works. The Supreme Court granted certiorari in December and oral argument was held on March 29. The decision is imminent and will have a far-reaching impact on consumers and manufacturers of electronic devices.

¶2 During a March retreat with our colleagues from ALA, SLA, MLA, and ARL with whom we have long partnered on copyright issues as the "Shared Legal Capability," we decided to rename our coalition the "Library Copyright Alliance" (LCA), develop bylaws, and, in due time, a Web presence. In March, the alliance submitted comments to the U.S. Copyright Office regarding the Orphan Works Notice of Inquiry. While orphan works have always existed to some extent, the

problem has worsened significantly in recent years because of changes in U.S. copyright law that have extended the copyright term, digital technology that has increased the demand for less commercially valuable works by significantly driving down the cost of dissemination, and the consolidation of companies in the copyright industry that has complicated the rights clearance process. The uses libraries seek to make of orphan works include digitization for uploading on the Internet; inclusion of essays in anthologies, photographs in textbooks, graphs in online course materials, and articles in course packs; and the re-publication of out-of-print books. Because of the inability to locate the copyright owners, libraries decide not to make these socially valuable uses. As part of our comments, we recommended a remedies-based approach that applies to all works and all users who have conducted a good faith search for the copyright owner.

¶3 On the international front, in October 2004, AALL endorsed the *Geneva Declaration on the Future of WIPO* which urged the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to adopt a proposal offered by Argentina and Brazil to focus more on the needs of developing countries and to view intellectual property as one of many tools necessary for development. Working with our LCA colleagues, we developed the “Library-Related Principles for the International Development Agenda of the WIPO” that have been endorsed by the major national library associations as well as the International Federation of Library Associations and Organizations.

¶4 **Government Information Issues.** During the ALA Midwinter Conference in January 2005, Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell announced plans to distribute to depository libraries *only* the fifty titles listed on the *Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper Format* beginning in October 2005. This was extremely problematic for our community because the essential titles list, last revised in 2000, did not include important materials including administrative decisions and other legal materials, as well as Senate and House reports, documents, and hearings that inform the citizenry of the workings of Congress. Once again, law librarians saved the day by responding quickly to the Action Alert posted on January 26, 2005, contacting members of their congressional delegation about this latest threat to public access to authenticated legal materials through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). In addition, on February 16, 2005, the Executive Board endorsed the AALL Resolution Opposing GPO’s Plan to Eliminate Important Titles in Print Prior to Establishing a Reliable Electronic System. The resolution urged the Government Printing Office (GPO) to establish a reliable system ensuring version control, authenticity, adequate distribution, and permanent public access and preservation of electronic information before discontinuing production and distribution of print documents—currently the only authenticated version of critical official government legal information—to depository libraries. It also urged Congress to, first, provide adequate appropriations to GPO for print distribution and its important digital initiatives; second, require that GPO maintain production and distribution of authenticated print legal materials at adequate levels

until a reliable system for electronic information is in place; and, third, hold timely oversight hearings on GPO's new initiatives and changes to the FDLP.

¶5 Under pressure from members of Congress to reverse GPO's plans, on March 1, Russell announced that "GPO will continue to expand electronic information offerings through the FDLP and will continue to provide for dissemination of tangible products to depository libraries in accordance with existing policy, in full consultation with the library community." She also announced that GPO had already added to the Essential Titles List congressional publications, including reports, documents, hearings, and prints; the House and Senate Journals; Supreme Court slip decisions; and the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

¶6 There is growing momentum this year to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) thanks to the bipartisan leadership of Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Judiciary Committee, and its ranking member, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT). Senators Cornyn and Leahy jointly introduced the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in Our National Government (OPEN) Act of 2005 (S. 394) in February. The OPEN Government Act promotes accountability, accessibility, and openness in the federal government by strengthening and enhancing FOIA. In March, Cornyn and Leahy joined forces again by cosponsoring the Faster FOIA Act of 2005, which would establish a sixteen-member FOIA commission charged with reporting to Congress and the president on recommendations for steps that should be taken to reduce delays in the processing of FOIA requests. Sen. Cornyn chaired a March hearing of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security on the OPEN Government Act, the first time since 1992 that the Senate has held an oversight hearing to examine agency compliance with FOIA.

¶7 **The USA PATRIOT Act.** On December 31, 2005, fifteen provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act are set to expire unless Congress decides to renew them. During the past year, we continued to speak out against provisions that affect libraries. We issued several action alerts to get more cosponsors for the many House and Senate bills that would amend the Act. One of these bills, the Freedom to Read Protection Act (H.R. 1157) introduced by Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), amends section 215 by returning standards for FISA court orders and warrants to investigate library and bookstore patrons to pre-PATRIOT Act standards. In June, a bipartisan majority (238-187) of the House of Representatives approved adopting a "Freedom to Read" amendment offered by Rep. Sanders to the FY 2006 Department of Justice funding bill. It denies funding for FBI access to library and bookstore records under section 215. Last year, a similar provision was derailed in the House by a 210-210 tie after several Republicans were pressured to switch votes. The president has promised to veto the measure if the amendment survives the conference committee.

¶8 The most promising vehicle for amending the PATRIOT Act to protect civil liberties is the Security and Freedom Ensured Act, or SAFE Act (S. 737, H.R. 1526) that was reintroduced in the 109th Congress. However, House and Senate committees are currently looking to expand the PATRIOT Act beyond extending

the sunset provisions. In May, the Senate Select Intelligence Committee reported out a bill that both renews the sunsets and expands various USA PATRIOT Act powers. We joined other civil liberties groups in complaining that the Intelligence Committee did all its work on this bill behind closed doors. The judiciary committees in the House and Senate have final jurisdiction over amendments to the Act, and both committees continue to hold hearings as they debate its reauthorization.

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