

port and funding to enable its continued representation at the annual convention of the Association of Legal Administrators. While previously the ALA had waived the fee for a booth staffed by PLL and local volunteers, the policy has changed and PLL did not feel capable of funding the booth on a continuing basis. The question was referred to the president and treasurer, and funds were eventually allocated for the 2000 ALA meeting. The F&B Committee recommended that the amount for the exhibit booth be included in the proposed budget for 2001, but that PLL continue to fund the expenses for a representative to attend the meeting.

¶17 The Social Responsibilities SIS requested travel reimbursement to support its second annual volunteer program to city schools in the Annual Meeting's host city. Thirty to fifty volunteers will contribute books and their time to visit and consult with school librarians in Philadelphia, and the section requested funds for local travel. The F&B Committee commended the SR/SIS for the initiative, but the consensus of the Committee and the Board was that this is the kind of project that can and should be funded from the funds of the SIS or by the volunteers.

¶18 A twelfth edition of the *SIS Handbook* was made available to the new chairs and vice chairs in an attractive new format designed by Gail Warren. The *Handbook* is current and attempts to answer most of the questions that arise during a chair's term. It includes references to AALLNET and incorporates statements of SIS Impact and Purpose and an SIS Leader's Profile generated during last fall's SIS Leadership Retreat.

¶19 A new chair is elected each year from among the Council's members. Kristin Gerdy, 1999–2000 Chair of RIPS/SIS, will be chair in 2000–01.

John P. Bissett, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶11 The officers of the ALL/SIS for 1999–2000 were Victoria K. Trotta, Chair; Ruth J. Hill, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Marguerite Most, Secretary-Treasurer; Ed Edmonds, Past Chair. Rosalie Sanderson was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Beth Smith was elected Secretary-Treasurer for 2000–01.

¶12 The ALL/SIS membership currently stands at approximately 850 members. The ALL/SIS Web site editor, Beth Smith, updated and expanded its content so that it now includes the newsletter archive and additional documents of interest and concern to the section's members. The section's newsletter was published three times, under the editorship of James Durham.

¶13 The goals for the year were to strengthen the infrastructure of the section, and to identify and develop leadership opportunities and initiatives so that more members could be involved in the activities of the section other than planning for Annual Meeting programs. To this end, a bylaws amendment was adopted to add a member-at-large to the Executive Committee. Other bylaws changes were made to conform with various requirements imposed by the AALL. The Bylaws Committee was chaired by Mary Hood.

¶14 An awards program was initiated, chaired by Sally Holterhoff. The first award developed was the Frederick Charles Hicks Award, designed to recognize a section member for outstanding service to academic law librarianship. Penny Hazelton was the inaugural recipient of the award, which was presented at the ALL/SIS reception in Philadelphia.

¶15 The ALL/SIS Annual Meeting activities included a formal business meeting, a Directors' Breakfast, a Middle Managers' Breakfast, and an All-Section Luncheon. Local arrangements chairs for these events were Larry Meyer, Joyce Janto, and Elizabeth Schneider. In addition, the popular annual evening reception was held at the University of Pennsylvania's Biddle Law Library under the direction of Ed Greenlee. A new program, Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL), chaired by Barbara Bintliff, was developed and initiated as part of a larger association mentoring program. The Education Chair was Dwight King. Last year's chair, Paul George, shepherded four programs through to presentation, covering advanced legal research, staff training, the ABA accreditation process, and career renewal for the experienced law librarian. In addition, round tables for legal research, statistics, continuing status and tenure, and vendor dialog were also held. Section event sponsors included West Group, LEXIS Publishing, and Law.com.

¶16 The success of the section is the result of the work of many of its members, only some of whom are mentioned in this report. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Victoria K. Trotta, Chair

Computing Services

¶11 This was a pioneering year for our SIS, with the section enjoying several "firsts," as well as active participation by old and new members.

¶12 The 1999–2000 officers were Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Chair; Sheri Lewis, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Donald Arndt, Secretary-Treasurer; and Kenneth Hirsh, Immediate Past Chair. James E. Duggan was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect for 2000–01, and after a successfully passed bylaws amendment, we elected our very first (of two) member-at-large, Jean L. Willis. Sixty-seven people joined the CS/SIS since September 1, 1999. As of June 30, 2000, the total membership was 638.

¶13 The membership adopted a strategic plan for 1999–2001 on July 20, 1999. The Strategic Plan Implementation Committee (Donald Arndt, chair) put into effect several of the initiatives set forth in the plan that were intended to increase member involvement in the SIS. In March 2000, the membership voted in favor of a bylaws amendment to add two members-at-large to the Board. Members-at-large will serve for two-year terms, with the terms staggered so that one assumes office each year. These positions will add other "voices" to the section's leadership group. In another approach to help better serve the membership and achieve the goals of the CS/SIS strategic plan, Kris Niedringhaus created a survey for sec-