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From the Chair

I will begin this column by thanking everyone who made the Academic SIS's part of the AALL Annual Meeting such a success. Robin Mills was responsible for a fine Director's meeting and Chuck Ten Brink and Marsha Baum produced a strong start for the first Middle Managers gathering. Ed Edmonds and the staff of the Loyola University Law Library hosted a splendid reception for the Academic SIS. Many of our members were active as speakers or coordinators in numerous educational programs presented at AALL. Lastly, Ann Puckett as Chair of the SIS devoted a considerable amount of her time, not only to the business meeting, but to making sure that the SIS's other activities would come off as planned. All of these colleagues deserve our thanks and appreciation for their abundant contributions to the New Orleans meeting.

The work of the SIS has continued throughout the summer. Nancy Johnson reports that the SIS submitted proposals, as sole sponsor or co-sponsor, for ten programs and one workshop to be held at the 1992 meeting of AALL in San Francisco. At this writing, the Education Committee is reviewing these proposals. We hope to publish the names of the accepted programs in the next issue of the Newsletter.

On another note, the gathering and dissemination of timely and useful salary statistics is important, as you know, to academic law librarians (whether seeking to hire or be hired). In late May, the American Bar Association Office of the Consultant on Legal Education released national and regional comparative salary data for different positions (Memorandum LS 9091-8). If you have not had a chance to do so, you should examine this report and send any comments or suggestions to Lolly

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From the Chair, continued...

Gasaway at the University of North Carolina or to Kathy Grove at the Office of the Consultant on Legal Education.

Ann opened her last message in the ALL-SIS Newsletter with a call for an increase in our membership, a call I want to reiterate. The Academic SIS needs more members from all areas of academic law librarianship. The Academic SIS exists for all AALL members working in law school libraries, from frontline librarians, to department heads, to directors. Tell your colleagues who are not members about the SIS. Directors, consider enrolling all of your staff. I know that times are hard in many law libraries, but the Academic SIS is an inexpensive, and very worthwhile, part of our professional organization.

Bruce Johnson, Chair



Message from Outgoing Chair Ann Puckett

It was an honor to have served the SIS as chair this past year. I owe thanks to many people for making the year productive. With some trepidation -- I don't want to forget anyone -- I thank the following people, good friends and colleagues all:

Ed Edmonds, for a superbly planned and executed reception. And, speaking of the reception, let us not forget our generous financial supporters:

Janice and Boyce Hoffman of Library Interiors, distributors of Library Bureau furniture;

Schatzie Matthews of Top Value Law Books, who continued to smile even when I inadvertently omitted her in one edition of *Les Bon Temps* and then listed her company name incorrectly in another edition. Don't give up on ALL, Schatzie - the new administration is more competent!;

Jerry Kline of Innovative Interfaces;

Joe Weed of EBSCO Subscription Services;

Loyola University Law School; and

Tulane University Law School.

Don Dunn, 1989-90 Chair, for his sage advice throughout the year.

Bruce Johnson, 1991-92 Chair, for planning programs that did us proud and for jogging my memory several times, thus helping to avert disaster.

Merle Slyhoff, for keeping a sharp eye on the SIS purse.

Faye Jones, for getting out four issues of the newsletter despite the handicap of dealing with a chair who always wanted to slip in one more bit of news at the last minute.

Carol Roehrenbeck, whose hard work on the LEXIS Advisory Board provided the inspiration for the LEXIS/WESTLAW pricing survey.

Robin Mills, who planned the annual director's workshop.

Chuck Ten Brink and **Marsha Baum**, who put together the first middle managers' workshop.

Frank Houdek, **Taylor Fitchett**, and **Bill James** (the Nominating Committee) for presenting us with a terrific slate of officers for next year. (See the cover of this issue for election results.)

University of Puget Sound and **South Texas College of Law Library** for subsidizing postage for the newsletter, and the staffs of those two libraries for preparing the newsletters for mailing.

If I have omitted anyone, please excuse the lapse. Memory may have failed me, but somewhere in the dim recesses a spark of gratitude burns nonetheless.

Ann Puckett,
Chair, 1990-91

**ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES SIS
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
July 21, 1991
MINUTES**

The 1991 Business Meeting of the Academic Law Libraries SIS was called to order on Sunday, July 21, by Chair Ann Puckett.

The minutes of the 1990 meeting were approved as written. The treasury balance as of May 31, stood at \$1,047.24. 639 election ballots were mailed and 244 were returned. The election results stand at: Nancy Johnson, Georgia State University, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Sara Robbins, Brooklyn Law School, Secretary/Treasurer. Issue 1 of the SIS Newsletter cost \$1,204.30 to produce this year, and South Texas and the University of Puget Sound absorbed the cost for the three remaining issues. The high cost of issue number 1 was due to the SIS's campaign to attract more members; the issue was mailed to all academic law librarians.

Merle Slyhoff discussed the SIS Council's vote to increase SIS dues to \$12.00. The respective SISs will receive half of the membership money collected. The \$2.50 previously received from the \$5.00 dues did not cover expenses of the SISs, primarily newsletters.

Beginning next year, the SISs have the option of having their newsletters produced and mailed from Headquarters. All costs are billed back to the SIS. This centralization will help to reduce the work of the SISs and in some instances may save the SIS money.

On a related matter, Merle also discussed the newsletter package plan that will be offered by AALL beginning in 1992. Libraries or individuals will be able to subscribe to a package plan that will supply a copy of all SIS newsletters. With this plan, one will no longer have to be a member of an SIS to receive its newsletter publication. Although this will undoubtedly cut the membership numbers in some SISs, it will eliminate the "dead weight" usually present among SIS memberships and will be offset by the increase in dues.

Stella Chang of Research Libraries Group (RLG) gave an update on the latest RLG developments. RLG is currently refocusing its direction and membership structure. RLIN will continue to support technical processing and MARC enhancements. Among the projects being worked on by RLG are information delivery, including the document delivery software Ariel, and preservation programs that stress access to information rather than ownership.

Janet Zagorin, Chair of the AALL Recruiting Committee, discussed the goals of the Committee which include developing relations with library schools, AALS SIS and Committee involvement, and working with organizations that employ law librarians. Janet commented that the Committee needs the commitment of the entire AALL membership both as individuals and employers.

The Annual Directors' Breakfast was held preceding the Business Meeting. The breakfast meeting, organized by Robin Mills, focused on staff development issues. This year a Middle Managers Breakfast was also held prior to the Business Meeting. Coordinated by Charles Ten Brink and Marsha Baum, the meeting was very well attended and will be held again next year.

This year the SIS sponsored or co-sponsored seven meetings at the AALL conference. Nancy Johnson, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect solicited program ideas for 1992.

A bylaws amendment was introduced that will require all elections to be completed two months prior to the annual meeting. The amendment was mandated by the AALL Board. The amendment carried unanimously.

Bruce Johnson, Chair, 1991-92, thanked Ann Puckett for her hard work as chair of the SIS. He also thanked "retiring" board members Don Dunn, Past Chair, and Merle Slyhoff, Secretary/Treasurer for their contributions. He announced that Faye Jones will continue as editor of the newsletter.

Bruce said his goal for the year is to see the SIS continue to grow. More than a "director's club", the SIS exists for all academic law librarians, and the SIS should strive to be an educational and advocacy group for all academic librarians. He plans to examine the role of the SIS, and work to make it a forum for the exchange of ideas. Bruce commented that we do well with educational programs and react well to crisis, but the SIS must look forward and examine issues of concern to all academic law librarians.

Ed Edmonds reminded everyone of the SIS reception on Tuesday evening at Loyola Law Library.

At this point, the Roundtables met and then presented their reports to the general membership.

Library Administration : Virginia Kelsh reported that the group will conduct a survey to determine how many librarians access Internet vs. Bitnet. They will also continue to examine WESTLAW and LEXIS pricing structures.

Collection Development : Ed Edmonds said the group will focus on the numerous company mergers and the problems that arise from such mergers.

Interlibrary Loan : Jan Goldsmith noted that the National ILL Code is being revised. She commented that ILL departments tend to be behind the times and need to be updated.

Fees-for-Services : Merle Slyhoff said the work on the survey is progressing. A draft was discussed and the survey will be mailed in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle Slyhoff

RLG Member Law Libraries To Meet At AALS In San Antonio

A working group meeting of RLG-member law libraries will be convened by Roy Mersky, Law Librarian, University of Texas, and Liz Kelly, Law Librarian, University of Pennsylvania, at the AALS meeting in San Antonio. Library directors at non-RLG-member institutions will be welcome. Additional information on the meeting will be available in the next issue of this *Newsletter* or may be obtained by contacting either Professor Mersky, at (512) 471-7735, or Professor Kelly, at (215) 898-7488.



Report from the American Library Association Committee on Interlibrary Loan

At the end of my second year as liaison to the ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee, I have found that we as law librarians share most of the concerns of interlibrary loan librarians everywhere: we are all faced with shrinking budgets, higher volume of requests, and the demands of burgeoning technologies. I attended both ALA's Midwinter Conference in Chicago, in January 1991, and the Annual Conference in Atlanta, June 29-July 2, 1991. I became more involved in the Committee's activities this year, and was appointed to the Subcommittee to Revise the National Interlibrary Loan Code. The Subcommittee met for a long session in Atlanta, and decided to attack the code word by word, since much of it does not take into account current advances in technology.

The ILL Committee tied up some loose ends this year; the telefacsimile guidelines which were approved last June by the RASD Board were published in the Winter 1990 issue of *RQ*. The "Interlibrary Loan Training and Continuing Education Model Statement of

Objections," also approved in June, will be published at a future date in that journal as well. The ALA Council did not sanction the idea of limiting interlibrary loans to South Africa, as suggested last year, but did approve a document called "The Universal Right to Free Expression." It was felt that by limiting information to the apartheid government of South Africa, as a protest, we would also limit the "free flow of information" to all others as well.

The principal focus at both the Midwinter Convention and the Annual Meeting was the interlibrary loan program held in Atlanta, Sunday, June 30, co-sponsored by the Interlibrary Loan Committee. The program, entitled "Directors, Are You Listening? New Realities in Interlibrary Cooperation" was a huge success, offering four very different points of view on Interlibrary Loan.

After discussing these interlibrary loan issues at both the Academic SIS and the Reader's Services SIS Business Meetings in New Orleans, I hope to develop an interlibrary loan program for AALL's Annual Meeting, possibly in 1993. I welcome any ideas for this program; so far, the one universal concern I've noticed is to clarify copyright laws for interlibrary loan. Please contact me if you have other topics you would like covered, have some good speakers in mind, or would like to help with a program.

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SELECTED UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1992

January 3-7 "Ensuring Social and Economic Justice in a Changing America: Time for a New Bill of Rights?," AALS Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. Contact: AALS, 202/296-8851.

February 5-8 "Managing Emerging Technologies," AALL Winter Institute, Dallas, TX. Detailed information will be published in the fall of 1991.

July 18-23: AALL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

April 1-7 National Library Week. Theme: "Do the right thing."

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April 18-24: National Library Week

July 10-15: AALL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

A more complete listing of continuing education opportunities can be found in the *American Association of Law Libraries Newsletter*.

ALL-SIS NEWSLETTER V.12 **REVISED** PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The **deadlines** and expected publication dates for the last three of V.12's issues have been **adjusted** to the following:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
V.12, #2	10/30/91	12/1//91
V.12, #3	1/30/92	3/1/92
V.12, #4	5/30/92	6/1/92.

A reminder of the deadline will be printed in each issue. Please make a note of the revised deadlines. Make this your Newsletter by contributing articles, notes, comments, suggestions, etc. to me at the University of Puget Sound Law Library, 950 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA. 98402-4470, or via FAX: 206-591-6313. Thanks!

Faye Jones

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"All censorships exist to prevent anyone from challenging current conceptions and existing institutions. All progress is initiated by challenging current conceptions, and executed by supplanting existing institutions. Consequently the first condition of progress is the removal of censorship."

George Bernard Shaw
Playwright and Philosopher

"Censorship reflects a society's
lack of confidence in itself.
It is the hallmark of an authoritarian regime..."

Potter Stuart
Supreme Court Justice

"I fear more harm from everybody thinking alike than from some people thinking otherwise."

Charles G. Bolte
Publisher

A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to.

Dr. Laurence Peter
Management Expert

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