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Message From the Chair Kristin Gerdy

This year is flying by! It seems like just yesterday we were worrying about Y2K, and now it's Spring and only four months until the Annual Meeting.

In October I had the opportunity to participate in the first Special Interest Section Leadership Retreat at AALL Headquarters in Chicago. During the two-day meeting, the Chairs from the thirteen SISs met with AALL President Margie Axtmann, AALL Executive Director Roger Parent, and Director of Programs Martha Brown to address leadership issues pertaining to the SISs. Because the results of this retreat should benefit each member of our SIS, I thought I'd take a few paragraphs to describe the results of the meeting.

With the aid of facilitator Grace McGartland of Thunderbolt Thinking, Inc., we were able to define the overall purpose, definition, and expectations of a Special Interest Section; develop an agreed upon Vision for the SISs; create a leadership profile for future SIS chairs, complete individual leadership assessments; agree upon a systematic tracking and monitoring model to ensure accountability, consistency, and continuity; and develop an action plan. As you can probably guess, it was an exhilarating but exhausting weekend!

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By the end of the weekend we had created an overall vision that captures what an SIS is (in an impact statement that describes the difference the SIS makes for members) as well as, in a purpose statement, how an SIS makes that difference.

The SIS Impact Statement reads: "Energized and committed members benefit from creating and participating in a strong, multi-faceted, vibrant community that is the core of their professional lives."

The SIS Purpose Statement reads: "A self-selecting group of members with a common interest, which serves as a forum, contributes educational value, serves as a resource for expertise, advocates, and

Message From the Chair

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provides leadership group opportunities.”

These combined SIS statements are a good fit with our RIPS strategic plan and together should provide a strong foundation for our future.

Back on the RIPS homefront:

The Bylaws revisions were unanimously approved by the membership and by the AALL Bylaws Committee. A summary of the revisions is included in this issue of the newsletter. The biggest changes in the bylaws will be obvious to you when you look at the election ballot with the division of secretary/treasurer and newsletter duties. Thanks again to Barbara Bintliff and her committee for all of their efforts.

It's that time of year again—time to vote for new RIPS leadership! Joan Shear and her committee have put together an exciting slate of candidates for your consideration. Remember, this is your SIS, so take a few minutes to read over the candidates' statements and vote. Thanks again to Joan and her committee and to all of the candidates.

As you make plans for National Library Week, April 9-15, don't forget to include the Eighth Annual National Legal Research Teach-In! Gail Partin and Karen Brunner have done a fabulous job coordinating the Teach-In, which is one of RIPS most visible events. One of the highlights of the Teach-In is the training kit that will support your efforts to host training events. Later in this issue you will find information for obtaining Teach-In materials. I personally look forward to hearing about how you use the materials in your own libraries.

Finally, preliminary programs for Philadelphia are in our hands! It looks like this is going to be the best Annual Meeting ever. The next issue of the newsletter will contain detailed information about RIPS events in Philadelphia, but just to entice you, following the RIPS Business Meeting (Tuesday 5:15-6:15 p.m.) plan on joining your RIPS colleagues for dinner at one of Philly's fabulous Center City restaurants. We hope this will provide an opportunity for us to socialize with friends we see but once a year and make new friends that will last for years to come.

Patron Services Committee Report

by Marc Silverman, Chair

The Patron Services Committee spent the fall drafting a survey that went out to a group of circulation and ILL librarians asking them a series of questions about various services AALL provides and the types of services RIPS might provide that would be helpful to them. We asked them about their use of the Internet, how often they attend AALL meetings, have they ever participated in a mentoring program, and dozens of additional questions. The completed surveys are trickling in now and soon they will be analyzed and proposals made for new RIPS services and projects. After this is completed we will start working on the roundtable discussion groups for the Philadelphia meeting.

Meet the Candidates

2000-2001 RIPS Elections

Report of the Nominations Committee

by Joan Shear, Chair

The RIPS Nominating Committee delayed our activities this year in order to allow for the ratification by AALL of the new by-laws approved by the membership this fall, so we could nominate candidates for the newly configured officers and executive committee.

While the new by-laws call for a two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer, we have asked the candidates for that office to consider themselves as running for the second year only of the two year term (i.e. a one year term) in order to stagger the elections of Newsletter Editor and Secretary/Treasurer the same way the two year terms of the two Members of the Executive Committee are staggered. Thus, starting next year, Nominations Committees will be seeking candidates for three offices every year, while this year we are holding elections for four offices.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following candidates for office:

For Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:

D.R. Jones, Case Western Reserve University Law School Library

Marc Silverman, University of Pittsburgh Barco Law Library

For Secretary/Treasurer (one year term – this time only):

Pamela Melton, University of South Carolina Coleman Karesh Law Library

Melissa Serfass, University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library

For Newsletter Editor (two year term):

Deanna Barmakian, Harvard Law School Library

Irene Good, Boston College Law Library

For Member-At-Large of the Executive Committee (two year term):

Frances Bertelli, Aetna Inc.

Jean Wenger, Cook County Law Library

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Shear, Steve Mirsky, and Tamara Smith, RIPS-SIS 1999 - 2000 Nominating Committee

Candidate for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

D.R. Jones

Education:

1979 B.A., summa cum laude, Mercer University

1982 J.D., cum laude, Mercer University School of Law

1991 Master of Librarianship, University of Washington

Employment:

1998- Case Western Reserve University Law Library
Associate Director for Public Services (June 1999-Present)
Head of Public Services (June 1998-June 1999)
Adjunct Instructor of Law (1998-Present)

1996-1998 University of San Diego School of Law
Lawyering Skills I Instructor

1991-1996 Paul L. Boley Law Library, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College

Assistant Director for Reference Services (1994-1996)
Assistant Librarian for Reference Services (1993-1994)
Reference Librarian (1991-1993)
Adjunct Professor of Law (1992-1996)
1986-1989 Trotter, Smith & Jacobs, Atlanta, Georgia
Attorney
1982-1986 Kilpatrick & Cody, Atlanta, Georgia
Attorney

Courses Taught:

1996-1998 University of San Diego School of Law
Lawyering Skills I (First Year Research, Writing, Analysis and Oral Advocacy)
Legal Analysis (Summer 1997)
1995-1996 Lewis & Clark College, Graduate School of Public Administration
Information Research Skills
1992-1996 Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College
Advanced Legal Research

Professional Activities and Service:

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
Member, 1990 -
Awards Committee, 1995 - 1997
Chair - Awards Committee, 1996 - 1997
Member, Research Instruction and Patron Services SIS (and former Reader Services SIS and Research Instruction Caucus)
Program Committee, 1998-1999
Program Committee Chair, 1999-2000
Member, Academic Law Libraries SIS

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL)
Member, 1998 -

OhioLINK
Member, User Services Committee, 1999-

Western-Pacific Chapter of AALL (WestPac)
President, July 1997- October 1998
Vice President/President-Elect, 1996-1997
Local Arrangements Committee, 1993 Annual Meeting

State Bar of Georgia
Member, 1982-

The Atlanta Lawyer, publication of the Atlanta Bar Association
Managing Editor and Member of the Editorial Board (1989-1990)

Publications:

Co-author, *Introductory Guide to Researching Foreign Law Using English Language Materials in the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library*, published by West Publishing Corporation as part of the 1994 Legal Research Teach-In International Law Training Kit
Lost Legacies of Thoreau and Pinchot: A Review of Bob Pepperman Taylor's Our Limits Transgressed: Environmental Political Thought in America, 23 *Environmental Law* 1027 (1993)
Book Reviews, 85 *Law Library Journal* 119, 121 (1993)
A Glimpse at an International Exchange Program and Changing Conditions in Europe, 36 *Atlanta Lawyer* 22 (1990)
Coauthor, *Business Associations, Annual Survey of Georgia Law*, 40 *Mercer Law Review* 61 (1988)
Coauthor, *Business Associations, Annual Survey of Georgia Law*, 39 *Mercer Law Review* 53 (1987)
Note, *Multiple Listing Services and the Sherman Act: Fifth Circuit Applies "Facial" Rule of Reason Analysis*, 32 *Mercer Law Review* 1295 (1981)

Presentations and Programs:

Panelist and Speaker, "Developing Legal Research Problems and Assignments that Work," to be presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, July 2000

Coordinator/Moderator, "Electronic Course Reserves: At the Crossroads of Document Access and Technology," presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 1999

Legal Writing Institute Conference, June 1998
Speaker - "Integrating Computer Assisted Legal Research and Manual Legal Research"

WestPac 1997 Annual Meeting
Coordinated and planned all programs ("Privacy in the Digital Age," "Copyright in the Digital Age" and "California Research and Resources")
Speaker/Moderator - "Privacy in the Digital Age" and "Copyright in the Digital Age"
Speech/Presentation - "Ghost Cases: Depublication and Other Issues in Researching California Case Law"

Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL), Twenty-Fifth Annual Winter Institute (1997)
Speaker: "Teaching Legal Research in Law Schools"

AALL Basic Reference Institute, July 1994
Demonstration/Presentation on Internet and FirstSearch use

WESTPAC 1994 Annual Meeting
Discussion Leader

WESTPAC 1993 Annual Meeting
Program Organizer: "Legal Research Instruction - Ideas for Action"
Program Speaker: "Legal Research Instruction - Ideas for Action, Seizing the Teachable Moment"

Statement:

I am honored to be nominated for Vice President/ President Elect of RIPS SIS. I pledge my time and efforts to continuing the many fine activities that RIPS SIS sponsors. I would like to explore how we can expand these activities, such as providing resources for circulation managers. In addition, I would like to coordinate with other SISs in preparing program proposals, sharing information, and participating in other activities. As Chair of the RIPS Program Committee this past year, I found SIS collaboration was very rewarding.

Candidate for Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Marc Silverman

Education:

1989 M.A. in Art History University of Pittsburgh
1979 M.L.S. University of Pittsburgh
1975 B.F.A. Ohio University

Law Library Employment:

1985- present Assistant Director for Public Services, Barco Law Library, University of Pittsburgh
1979-1984 Reference Librarian, Barco Law Library, University of Pittsburgh

Courses Taught:

1987-present Advanced Legal Research
1986-1988 First Year Legal Research
1991-present Law Librarianship
1998-present Fundamentals of Legal Research

Professional Activities:

Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association - President 1986-87

RIPS SIS - Patron Services Committee Chair 1997-2000
Executive Board Member-at-Large 1999-present

Legal Research Publications:

Advanced Legal Research: a Question of Value. 6 Perspectives 33 (Fall 1997)
A Short Guide to Pennsylvania Legal Research. 12 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 107 (1992)
Pennsylvania Practice Materials: a select annotated bibliography. 78 Law Library Journal 73 (1986)

Statement:

The past year has seen the members and officers invest a tremendous amount of time and energy in the RIPS SIS. The new strategic plan and revisions to the bylaws are perhaps the most obvious achievements but there are other new initiatives in the works. This burst of energy, when added to the list of established programs and projects is truly impressive. If elected, I will work to continue the momentum and build upon this foundation. I sincerely believe that RIPS has had the benefit of excellent leadership throughout the years that I have been involved with the SIS and I will commit myself to continue the high standards set by the previous chairs.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer
Pamela Melton

Education:

B.A. Agnes Scott College
J.D. Washington & Lee University
M.L.I.S. Catholic University of America

Professional Experience:

Practiced law in Washington, D.C. & Alexandria, Virginia for eight years

Law Library Experience:

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Washington, D.C.
Interlibrary Loan & Special Projects
McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe, McLean, Va.
Reference Librarian
McKenna & Cuneo, Washington, D.C.
Reference Librarian
University of South Carolina School of Law
Reference Librarian and Instructor

Teaching Experience:

Currently teach legal research to first year law students

Professional Associations:

AALL, SEAALL (was member of LLSDC)

Publications:

Note, *Elrod V. Burns: Chipping at the Iceberg of Political Patronage*, 34 W. & L. L. Rev. 225 (Winter, 1977)
Harvard Law Review on CD-ROM; Product Review in 17 Legal Information Alert 14 (October 1998).
The Amicus Brief: How to Write it and Use it Effectively; Book Review in 91 Law Lib. J. 486 (Summer 1999).

Presentations:

Federal Legal Research in the Internet - a continuing education program for the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, Fall 1999.
Citation Survival Guide - an introduction to legal citation for the first year class at the Law Center, Fall 1999.

Statement:

Research instruction and patron services pretty much sums up my job. I teach not only first year law students, but paralegal students, library school students, undergraduate pre-law students and other librarians. Our library is not only patronized by our students and faculty but also by the local bench and bar and the general public. I enjoy my contact with all of these various users. Currently, I am the RIPS web page coordinator, which I enjoy very much. I am a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer because it is an opportunity to offer myself, in some small way, in service to my profession.

Candidate for Secretary /Treasurer
Melissa Serfass

Education:

B.A. Harding University
J.D. University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law
M.A.L.I.S. University of South Florida

Employment:

UALR/Pulaski County Law Library
1992-1999 Reference/Computer Services Librarian
1999-present Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian

Professional Associations:

American Association of Law Libraries
 Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) SIS
 Program Committee Member 1997-98
 Nominations Committee Member 1997-98
 Program Committee Chair 1998-99
 Bylaws Revision Committee Member 1999-2000
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries
 Internet Committee Member 1995-1999
 Newsletter Committee Chair and Newsletter Editor 1994-1995
 Grants Committee Member 1995-1996
 Program Committee Member 1996-1997

Presentations:

- Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1994. Panelist, "Successful Strategies for Local Area Networks."
- Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1996. Speaker, "Introduction to Web Page Design: A Beginners Guide, or Dragged Kicking and Screaming into the New Millennium, HTML and Web Page Authoring for the Luddite."
- Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1997. Coordinator and Speaker, "Lay Patrons: Who are These People, What Do they Want From Us and What Can We Do For Them?"
- American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1998. Speaker, "Origin of a Species: Electronic Services Librarians."
- Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1999. Coordinator and Moderator, "Reining in the Printing Beast (or Why you Pay \$20,000 a Year for Tuition and you Still Can't Print for Free.)"

Publications:

- "A Job With a Slash in It" 89 *Law Library Journal* 202, 1997, part of the collection, "A Day in My Law Library Life, Circa 1997."
- "Standards for Certification of Appellate Specialists" 1 *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* 381, 1999.

Statement:

I like being a member of this SIS because I believe RIPS is enormously successful in accomplishing its primary mission. Whether through programming at the annual meeting, the Teach-In, through the web page, or newsletter, RIPS members get the word out and get the job done. I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I have had to be involved in various RIPS activities. I have met some wonderful, energetic and involved people through my association with RIPS. I welcome the opportunity to serve this SIS as Secretary/Treasurer.

Candidate for Newsletter Editor
Deanna Barmakian

Education:

- B.A. Brown University
J.D. Boston University
M.L.S. Simmons College

Law Library Employment:

- 97-present Reference Librarian, Harvard Law School Library,
96-97 pt. time Reference Librarian, Northeastern School of Law Library

Professional Associations:

AALL, RIPS, ASIS, LLNE and the Massachusetts Bar

Publications:

with Michael Jimenez, "Bring It on Home: Adding Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw HTML Code to Your Home Page" *Legal Information Alert*, July/August 1999

Reviews:

- “Sexual Harassment Claims: What The Law Demands” Library Journal, Aug. 1999
- “Statutes at Large on CIS Congressional Universe” Library Journal, Nov 15, 1999
- “Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe” Library Journal, forthcoming
- “Understanding the English Legal System” Law Library Journal, Fall, 1999

Statement:

I am honored to be nominated to run for Newsletter Editor of RIPS. RIPS is great SIS with interested, enthusiastic members who actively contribute to the law librarian community. I am excited about the opportunity of becoming even more involved in this SIS. I currently assist with a biweekly library newsletter and find it rewarding and fun. I welcome the opportunity to help RIPS members share their expertise and keep abreast of member activities through the newsletter.

Candidate for Newsletter Editor
Irene Good

Education:

- 1986 B.A. magna cum laude, Boston College
- 1989 J.D., Boston College Law School
- 1999 M.L.S., Syracuse University School of Information Studies

Employment:

- 1989 to 1993 Hanify & King P.C., Boston, MA
Litigation and Real Estate Attorney
- 1993 to 1996 West Publishing Company
WESTLAW Academic Representative
- 1996 to present Boston College Law School
Legal Reference Librarian

Courses Taught:

Guided Immigration Research Seminar
Teaches research in the 1L Legal Research Reasoning and Writing Program
Coordinates CALR instruction

Professional Activities:

- Member AALL 1996-2000 SIS RIPS
- Member Association of Boston Law Librarians (ABLL) 1996-2000
Editor, ABLL Advocate 1998-2000
- Member Legal Writing Institute 1999-2000

Presentations:

- Co-Presenter “Collaboration in the Classroom”
1998 Legal Writing Institute Conference, Ann Arbor Michigan, July 1998

Co-Presenter “Collaboration in the Classroom: Integrating Electronic and Print Research into an Analytical Legal Writing Program”

1999 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, Washington, D.C. July 1999

Presenter “It’s not just for 1L’s anymore: integrating research instruction with a subject-based upper level course.”

2000 Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle, Washington, July 2000

Statement:

My interest in becoming RIPS Newsletter Editor stems from my desire to know the members of RIPS and their interests better. I hope to focus the RIPS Newsletter on meaningful topics and articles that will help all RIPS members perform their jobs better.

Candidate for Executive Committee
Member-at- Large
Frances Bertelli

Education:

B.A. Connecticut College
M.S.L.S. Syracuse University

Law Library Employment:

1980- present Head Law Librarian
 Aetna Inc. Corporate Law Library , Hartford, CT
1977-80 Librarian
 Connecticut General Assembly Office of Legislative Research

Memberships:

AALL, LLNE , SNELLA, Connecticut Bar Association (Associate Member)

Professional Activities:

Current President of SNELLA, having served last year as VP/Pres. Elect and I am a member of the AALL Public Relations Committee.

Statement:

I would like to serve the section in this capacity. As a corporate law librarian I serve a different audience from my colleagues in academic, government and law firm libraries, but I share many of the same issues. I could share my own experiences & ideas with the group while learning from each of them.

Candidate for Executive Committee
Member-at-Large
Jean M. Wenger

Education:

- 1994 M.L.I.S., Rosary College (now Dominican University)
- 1987 J.D., University of Illinois College of Law
- 1981 B.A., St. Mary's College, Minnesota

Employment:

- 1997-present Reference Librarian for Government Documents/Foreign & International Law, Cook County Law Library
- 1995-1997 Reference Librarian and Collection Development Coordinator, Cornell Law Library
- 1993-1995 Foreign & International Law Librarian/Reference Librarian, Cook County Law Library
- 1987-1995 Reference Librarian, Cook County Law Library

Courses Taught:

- 1995-1996 Practice Training I, Cornell Law School (First-year legal research course)

Memberships:

AALL, CALL, ALA, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association

Professional Activities:

Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL)

- CALL *Bulletin*, Co-Editor 1996-2000
- CALL *Bulletin* Committee 1994-2000
- Internet Committee, 1996-1999
- Nominations Committee, 1994
- Union List Committee, 1992-1994

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

- Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Committee, 1995-1998
- Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS
- Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS
- State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS

Programs:

- (Upcoming) Coordinator & Speaker "Building New Gateways: Research Instruction for Foreign-Trained Lawyers and Law Students" AALL 93rd Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 2000
- Speaker, "Current Internet Issues" CALL Continuing Education Programs, February 1998 & December 1998
- Coordinator & Speaker, "Trade Winds Across the Plains: International Trade Resources in the Information Age" Midwest Regional Law Library Conference, Milwaukee, 1998
- Coordinator, "The Impact of Technology on Law Library Consortia" Third Northeast Regional Law Library Conference, Toronto, 1996

Publications:

- *WebWatch*, Cook County Law Library, a series of annotated Internet guides
- ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, authored International Economic Law Chapter
- Internet Ideas column, *RIPS Newsletter*
- "Spinning the WEB: Training Presentations for Legal Researchers" No. 165 *CALL Bulletin* (June 1997)
- Joint author, "Internet for Legal Information: The U.S. Experience" Vol. 24 *International Journal of Legal Information* 310 (1996)
- Book Reviews for *Legal Information Alert*, and (forthcoming) *Law Library Journal* and *International Journal of Legal Information*
- Professional Reading column, *CALL Bulletin*
- Creator of foreign law web publications, including "Foreign and International Law Sources on the Internet: Annotated" and "The Nuts and Bolts of European Union Law Research"

Statement of Goals:

I am honored to have been asked to run for the Member-at-Large position on the RIPS Executive Committee. As a Reference Librarian having worked in both a county (practitioner's) law library and an academic library, I will encourage increased participation and involvement from law librarians from different types of institutions. The AALL constituency is diverse, with members meeting the challenges of research instruction and patron services in innovative and resourceful ways. RIPS needs to continue to lead in informing and educating the AALL membership of these trends and ideas through Annual Meeting programs, Legal Research Teach-In, its excellent website and increased membership. I look forward to assisting the Executive Committee and the RIPS members with these goals.

Please take the time to vote for your 2000-2001 RIPS officers. The ballot is on page 17.

RIPS Membership News

Gary J. Bravy, Media/Reference Librarian at the Edward Bennett Williams Library, Georgetown University Law Center, had an article published: "DVD: The New Library Video Format?" 60 C&RL News 848 (November, 1999)

The University of Colorado Law Library welcomes **Therese Clarke** as a new Reference Librarian. Therese was a Reference Librarian at Latham & Watkins in Chicago, Illinois before joining the University of Colorado Law Library team on November 1, 1999.

Celeste Feather has joined the University of Connecticut School of Law Library as Associate Law Librarian for Public Services. Celeste was formerly Access Services Librarian at Edward Bennett Williams Library, Georgetown University Law Center.

Martha Keister, International and Foreign Law Librarian, University of Denver, was very busy during September 1999. She attended the International Association of Law Libraries' Course of International Law Librarianship, "Australasian Law and Librarianship," in Melbourne, Australia, and also

participated on a panel entitled "What To Do When Your Client's U.S. Business Becomes International: Issues and Resources" at the annual conference of the Colorado Bar Association, held in Vail, Colorado.

Bobbi Weaver, Reference Librarian at California Western School of Law will be presenting a paper at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in June titled "Broadening horizons: the need for competency in interdisciplinary materials for academic law librarians." The paper will be published in the conference proceedings.

Patricia Wellinger, University of Denver Law Library, was appointed to a two year term as the Committee News column editor for the American Association of Law Libraries magazine, *AALL Spectrum*.



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RIPS Bylaws Changes Approved by Membership

by Barbara Bintliff, Bylaws Revision Committee Chair

The amended RIPS bylaws are now in effect. During the period from August to October, 1999, the RIPS Bylaws Committee reviewed the Section's bylaws document and made numerous revisions. The major proposals included:

- 1) formalizing the Member-at-Large positions, begun on an experimental basis in 1998;
- 2) dividing the Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor positions;
- 3) providing for the replacement of officers who leave their positions mid-term; and
- 4) including a directive to the nominations committee to strive for diversity in type of library when choosing candidates.

In addition, the Committee revised the bylaws language describing the purpose of the SIS, and generally reviewed the entire document for language and grammar consistency and conformity with the AALL Model SIS Bylaws, promulgated by the AALL Committee on Constitution and Bylaws in 1994.

The changes primarily affect Article II: Object, Article V: Officers and Committees and Article VI: Nomination and Election of Officers. Other affected articles include Article IV: Meetings, Article VI: Nomination and Election of Officers (especially section 6), and Article VII: Amendments.

The proposed bylaws changes were submitted to the SIS membership for approval by mail ballot. Following approval by the SIS, the bylaws were submitted to AALL's Bylaws Committee for review. AALL's approval was granted February 7, 2000.

The text of the newly approved bylaws can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/bylaws.htm>.

TRIAL Conference

LEXIS Publishing, in conjunction with the American Association of Law Libraries, is offering the second Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries (TRIAL) Conference. The TRIAL Conference will be held July 13 - 14, 2000 in Philadelphia, PA as a preconference to the AALL Annual Meeting. TRIAL offers a professional development opportunity regarding instruction in an academic setting.

Through a variety of interactive, participatory and problem solving sessions, conference attendees will learn about effective instruction. Enrollment will be limited to 30 participants to maximize the learning and sharing of information. The application will be available at the end of February at <http://infopro.lexis.com>. The Advisory Council is responsible for the development of the curriculum and the members include:

Kristin B. Gerdy, Assistant Professor of Law, Temple University, Beasley School of Law

Ruth J. Hill, Head of Reference Services, Loyola Law School

Marci Hoffman, International & Foreign Librarian, Georgetown University Law Library

Gail A. Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Sheely-Lee Law Library, Dickinson School of Law

Cindy Spohr, LEXIS Publishing

Holley M. Thompson, LEXIS Publishing

There will be no registration fee to attend the TRIAL Conference.

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Technology Training For A New Millennium!

The 2000 National Legal Research Teach-In

Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? Have technological advances outpaced your ability to keep your patrons up to date on all of the new developments? You will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant -- the **National Legal Research Teach-In!** It is returning in 2000 for its eighth consecutive year!

The 2000 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by RIPS, offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past seven years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2000 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 9-15, 2000). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception eight years ago.

RESEARCH TRAINING KITS

Topped the "BESTSELLER" list again last year! -- West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2000 Teach-In training kit will cover a wide range of subject areas around the theme, "*Technology Training for a New Millennium*," bringing together traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email mkgsupport@westgroup.com. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A BIG HIT from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2000 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. Email or fax requests to Judy Floyd Evans, Director, Librarian Relations Group, LEXIS-NEXIS, at judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com or 937-865-1585. Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials can be placed until National Library Week, but we cannot guarantee delivery because supplies are limited.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 2000. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2000 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, gap6@psu.edu; or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, kbrunner@riker.com.

AALL Mentor Project

If you are *really* new to the field of Law Librarianship and would like to develop an ongoing relationship with an experienced law librarian who is willing to provide guidance, support and counseling, or if you are *really* an experienced law librarian interested in becoming a mentor, AALL's Mentor Project, under the auspices of the Mentoring and Retention Committee, will act as a matchmaker. Take a look at the Mentor Project web page at: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html, where you'll find further details on the Project as well as application forms for both Mentors and Mentees. You may also contact Dick Vaughan at rvaughan@indiana.edu or Chip Marlor at cmarlor@law.uconn.edu for further information.

Classified Advertising

Personals

NLL, 5'2", blonde/blue, medium build, seeking to learn more about/become involved with AALL, RIPS-SIS, PDC, CRIV, AMPSC, GRC, LLJ, etc. Wishes to become financially secure. Enjoys ref., coll. dev. ISO ELL, 10-20 yr. LL exp. w/ similar interests, possible LTR.

Fun, sincere, active NLL, 46, brown/brown, 5'10", ISO honest, active ELL for LTR. How to balance family and career? Prefer Seattle area.

Stylish ELL, young 50s, seeks promising new members of profession w/similar interests. I enjoy Dancing SIS, fit enuf for Hein Fun Run. 20 yrs. Admn. Exp. in Corp. & Firm LLs. Love New York City.

NLL, 34, happy, outgoing, loves learning, travel, the outdoors, the arts, family-oriented, honest, sincere. Enjoys long walks through Exhibit Hall. Passionate about Gov. Docs. Seeking soulmate, ELL with similar interests, for LTR.

Seeking ELL with a sense of humor, n/s, n/d to share wisdom, advice & guidance. Geo. unimportant. Vegetarian, CS exp. a plus.

Classy ELL, 58, intelligent, good listener, sp. 7 lang. Seeking NLL w/ interest in FC&IL, cultural events, fine dining. Over 30 yrs. Exp. in Acad., SC&C LLs.

NLL, loves the beach, tennis, exercising, bodybuilding. Seeking fit, sports-minded, secure ELL w/ Tech Svcs. Exp.

ELL, unique, artistic, compassionate, H/W/P. Appreciates home-cooked meals, collects Fiestaware. ISO n/s, n/d, NLL to share exp. w/ Circ., ILL.

ELL, loves to cook, wine, golf. ISO NLL interested in Acq., Cat., Baseball SIS.

ELL, late 40s, red/green, H/W/P, ISO NLL who is as passionate about cats and cataloging as I am. Love to read, knit.

Key to Abbreviations:

AALL=American Association of Law Libraries
Acq.=Acquisitions
Admn=Administration
AMPSC=Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee
Cat.=Cataloging
Circ.=Circulation
Coll. Dev.=Collection Development
CRIV=Committee on Relations with Information Vendors
ELL= Experienced Law Librarian
etc=et cetera
FC&IL=Foreign, Comparative and International Law
gov. docs=Government Documents
GRC=Government Relations Committee

H/W/P= Height/Weight/ Proportionate
ILL=InterLibrary Loan
ISO= In search of
LL= Law Libraries
LLJ=Law Library Journal
LTR= Long Term Relationship
n/s=nonsmoker
n/d =nondrinker
NLL= New Law Librarian
PDC=Professional Development Committee
ref=reference
RIPS=Research Instruction and Patron Services
SC&C=State, Court, and County
SIS=Special Interest Section
Tech Svcs=Technical Services

Publish with AALL!

- Do you have an idea for a new electronic or print publication of interest to law librarians?
- Would you like to grow professionally and personally by creating a new publication that would be of use to your colleagues?

Then the **AALL Publications Committee** would like to hear from you! The AALL Publications Committee encourages people to publish with AALL, and reviews proposals for new AALL publications.

From the AALL Publications Committee website at: <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/publications/>, you can contact members of the Publications Committee, or download a proposal form.

AALL publishes or sponsors a wide variety of materials of interest to law librarians, in print, electronic, and micro-formats. They include:

- Periodicals, such as *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*
- Indexes, such as *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*
- Professional Development Materials
- Bibliographies and Research Guides
- Management and Public Relations Resources
- Occasional Papers on Various Topics
- Educational Program Materials
- Results of Research
- Instructional and Training Resources

AALL is eager to publish new materials. If you have an idea for a new publication, we look forward to hearing from you!

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AALL Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee has a special project planned for the Philadelphia annual meeting. We are inviting all AALL Chapters, Committees, SISs, and the Executive Board to prepare time capsules which we will then store for twenty-five years. We encourage your SIS to participate.

You can help define our time and also be a unique part of law librarianship's past and future. Our committee will supply the time capsules, and this will be an opportunity to offer a glimpse of your past to our future selves and colleagues. During this summer's Philadelphia meeting the time capsules will be sealed and tucked away for twenty-five years at AALL archives.

The objects you choose to encapsulate can run the gamut from the profound and serious to the weird, silly and sentimental. It's up to you. We'll have more details on preparing your time capsules in the coming months, but

the Public Relations Committee hopes your SIS will start thinking now about what items you want included in your time capsule.

Twenty-five years isn't that long. Look how fast the millennium went by! In July, 2025 we hope we'll all still be around (it doesn't hurt to be optimistic) to attend the annual AALL meeting and watch as our time capsules are opened. For more information on how your SIS can become a permanent part of AALL's history, please call or e-mail me at the address below.

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2000-2001

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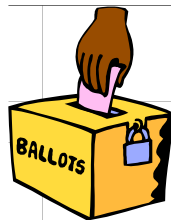
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Please send your completed Election Ballot by April 30, 2000 to:

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Thank you for your participation!

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