

**Membership and Mentoring Committee  
Annual Report, 2007**

The Membership and Mentoring Committee sent out "Welcome to the SIS" letters to 34 new members of the State Court & County Law Libraries special interest section. New members were asked in the welcome letter if they had an interest in being matched with a mentor. There were no responses.

The subcommittee was also tasked with finding out why 73 people chose not to renew their membership in SCCLL within the last year. Our findings were:

- 2** late renewals who should not have been on the list
- 2** planning on re-joining this year after health or job changes
- 9** retired
- 3** no longer at that place of employment
- 1** no longer works in a library
- 1** deceased
- 20** students, foreign members, or academic or firm librarians
- 4** vendors
- 14** not currently members of AALL (not in the directory)
- 9** financial reasons

The remaining **8** people did not respond to requests for information.

It can be assumed that at least some of those who did not respond and those who are no longer members of AALL also failed to renew because of financial considerations. Funding constraints in our types of libraries continue to be a serious factor in our members' ability to participate in professional organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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