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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The SCCLL meeting was a huge success with over 120 members in attendance. Although we missed David Badertscher and Ruth Fraley, Judge Joseph Weis's presentation was well-received and breakout sessions, which replaced Ruth's speech, were a hit with those who attended. Judge Weis's speech was not available in print format, however, it is available in cassette format from the Mobiltape Co. [advertisement listed on pp. 17-18 of the August 1990 issue of the AALL Newsletter]. Summaries of the breakout sessions can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

I expect to have four issues published this year under the co-editorship of Kathy Coon, Maria Sekula and Regina Smith. Publication will take place in December, March, June and September.

Some people are not sure if they are currently members of the Section. The Section officers receive a mailing list of current members from AALL headquarters. Having reviewed the list, and the listing in the 1990 AALL Membership Directory, it is apparent that not everyone has paid his or her Section dues. Please contact AALL to pay your SCCLL SIS Section dues.

Committee Chair assignments have been made for the 1990-91 year. The list is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Anyone who is interested in serving on a Committee, please contact the Committee Chair. I would especially like newer members of the Section to participate in these Committees. We need some "new faces" to assist us "old-timers" in contributing to the activities of the Section! Don't be bashful, volunteer.

We have submitted two programs to AALL for sponsorship next year. Ruth Funabiki and Judy Meadows have submitted "Who's Guarding the Nest" with speaker Clifford Stoll, author of the Cuckoo's Egg, on the vulnerability of national computer networks, and what law librarians can do to protect on-line information. Edgar Bellefontaine and Regina Smith have submitted "Funding Opportunities for Law Libraries" dealing with fund raising campaigns and fee-based services that have been successful in their libraries. Judy Meadows is still organizing our own meeting topics.

There was a problem with the typesetting of the brochures to be printed by AALL for our SCCLL. They should be completed shortly and available within the next month.

Marcia Koslov has agreed to be Chair of our Long Range Planning committee. We need to assess our goals and objectives against AALL's in order to determine our priorities. Please contact Marcia or any of the officers of

this section with your thoughts on this matter.

Pam Gregory has submitted a proposal for an AALL Funded Project to computerize our membership survey through the University of Maryland. The funding which is in the form of a loan from AALL, will be repaid by the sale of the report to individual members. We are hoping for the approval by the AALL Executive Board to this request. If approved, this project would start in January 1991, and the results would be available in New Orleans at the Annual Meeting.

I am working with SilverPlatter to obtain a group discount rate for its CD-ROM products. If you have any interest in obtaining these products, please let me know, in order to see if a discount program can be arranged.

Hope we have a great year!

**JOEL FISHMAN,**  
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