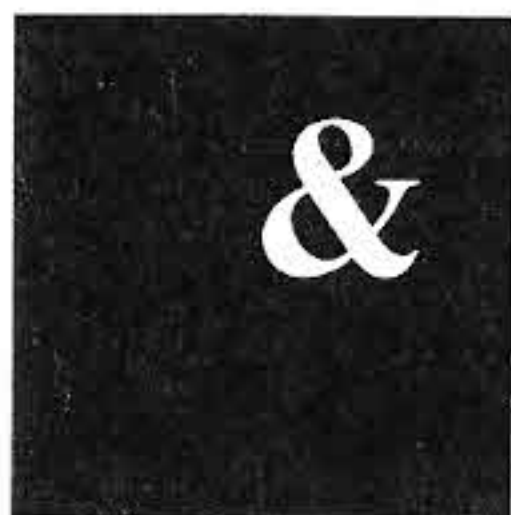


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Stand Up and Be Counted

Although this year's SCCLL activity is far from over, this is my final chance to beat the drums for our members.

SCCLL Members Speak Out!

We are a smaller SIS than the Private or Academic Law Librarians, but we are just as mighty! Recently, as I carefully read the entire volume 85 of Law Library Journal for the LLJ Advisory Committee, I was struck by the overwhelming emphasis on private firm and academic interests. As the Chair of the SCCLL, I feel there should be a more balanced view. This phenomenon is noticeable not just in LLJ, but in many publications and venues. One sees this manifested in Lexis-sponsored conferences, Graylyn academic conferences, bridge-the-gap bar association programs for new lawyers, research caucus "teach in" focus, AALL programming, etc.

As I have navigated through 20 years as a law librarian, I have observed that the private firms and the academic law libraries often seem to be the major focus for vendor special discounts, special pricing arrangements, and generally special treatment. Even the relationship with attorney and judicial groups seems to lean in those directions. As an example, much of the current feeding frenzy in the law schools and firms is in teaching legal research. Just what do they think state, court, and county law libraries have been doing all these years on a one to one basis with every green lawyer who walks in the door! Our efforts to corral this heterogeneous group of legal research neophytes are more difficult than those of firms who tell their homogeneous group of incoming attorneys to attend the orientation and legal research refresher courses the firm offers. But we do it anyway. Let's tell someone about it!

Increase Visibility

As I see it, law librarians in state, court and county law libraries interact with as many attorneys and legal professionals every day as our other colleagues. Why, then, are our libraries often left out of the loop? How can we change this? How is it already being changed?

One way to increase SCCLL members' visibility and credibility with colleagues and judicial groups is to be active participants in the planning process for the exciting "National Conference on Legal Information Issues." This mini-conference involving attorneys, law faculty, judges, court administrators, government officials, information association leaders, legal publishing and law librarians will become the opening few days of the AALL 1995 Pittsburgh meeting.

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Stand Up and Be Counted cont'd

SCCLL member, **Shirley David**, serves as a member of the planning taskforce and other SCCLL members will be added. Our own **Carol Billings**, incoming AALL President, is spearheading this unique event. Our challenge is to give input to Shirley and Carol and to plan a complementary SCCLL Sunday program capitalizing on the varied legal professionals attending.

One way SCCLL members are broadening the perspective of other AALL members is through the three SCCLL-sponsored programs at the AALL Seattle meeting (re: Canadian legal materials; Insuring and valuing your collection; U.S. asylum and immigration policy).

One way we might balance vendor and library interests is through an SCCLL-negotiated arrangement for on-line services or through other cooperative linkages.

One way we have mixed with our legal partners in the past few years is by attendance at the National Conference of Chief Justices, ABA Judicial Administration Division meetings, by writing articles in legal journals, and by cooperation with local and state bar associations.

However we proceed, we must let others know who we are through articles in bar journals, legal publications, law library newsletters, and presentations. **Make it one of your professional goals to be a more visible presence in your law library and legal communities this year.** This is not a new theme but an important one which I feel bears **Repeating, Repeating, Repeating.**

Many thanks for the opportunity to serve you as SCCLL Chair this year and hearty thanks for all the hard work of the Committees and Executive Board. See you all in Seattle for our Anniversary Celebration!

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Editor's Message

Doesn't time go fast when you're having fun? Can you believe that it is only a few months until the Seattle Conference? What a great conference this is going to be for SCCLL!

N.B. The ballot for SCCLL's 1994 election, found on page 11, is the ballot you will use to record your vote -- there will not be a separate mailing this year. Be sure to return it by April 20, 1994.

More activities for the readers of this interactive issue:

1. Volunteer for a committee [page 13].
2. Recommend a distinguished colleague for the Bethany Ochal Award [page 11].
3. Send in suggestions for the Pittsburgh meeting [page 5].
4. Take Anita's advice [page 1].

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