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Before we know it, it will be July 19 through July 24, 1997, and we shall again be meeting with our colleagues, commiserating and strategizing for our collective future as law librarians in Baltimore, Maryland.

The 90th Annual Meeting of AALL will take place at the Baltimore Convention Center. The theme for this meeting is "From Narragansett to Now: Covering the Waterfronts", referring to AALL's birth on Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, in 1906, the "Now" of Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the magnificent history of providing access to legal information that has transpired between these two meetings.

A number of excellent educational programs are being designed by SCCLL members to highlight our contributions to providing access to legal/court histories as well as to legal information. More detail on the content of these programs shall follow in the next newsletter.

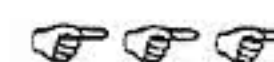
BALTIMORE FOR BREAKFAST? A BREAK WITH TRADITION!

In Baltimore, we will be breaking with the long-standing tradition of the Sunday morning meeting of SCCLL-SIS starting with a sumptuous break-

fast. Our business meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be followed at 10 a.m. by an educational program being designed by Gale Warren, Chair-Elect.

This paradigm shift is caused by the creation of an 8 to 9 a.m. slot for an Exhibitors Breakfast on Sunday which is open to all. Therefore, we will forego breakfast as a section.

The issue then arises as to whether you might want to have a luncheon with your State, Court, and County Law Library colleagues on Sunday at noon after our educational program. If you want to participate in such a luncheon, please advise me by January 15, 1997, by fax at 702-455-5120, by telephone at 702-455-4697 or at



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rockyfrank@aol.com, or contact me by any of these means to express an opinion against such a luncheon.

STATISTICS INITIATIVE/NEXT STEP

My recommendation in the Fall newsletter for the collection of statistics into a database to be used for the purpose of budget advocacy received two thoughtful and positive endorsements. I will be trying to work with the authors of those responses, Ann Koto, State Law Librarian of Hawaii, and Kalyn Gabriel, who supervises the Skagit and Whatcom County Law Libraries in Washington, to design the database and explore methods of collection.

Perhaps, we can make the database available thorough headquarters or on our listserv. We do need to consider completing the design of this project in time for our Executive Board to consider it and in time for a budget request to Roger Parent, AALL Executive Director, by January 20, 1997, and to the AALL Executive Board before its February 3, 1997, deadline for its February 28—March 2 Meeting.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this project should contact me at any of the numbers noted above.

A DESERVING TRUSTEE/JUDGE IS TO BE HONORED

Justice George Nicholson, Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third District, has been nominated for Honorary Membership to AALL.

In submitting Nicholson's name for this honor, AALL's Working Group on Information Technology and Implementation cited Nicholson's participation on several AALL programs and committees, his writings, his ongoing advocacy of the special roles played by law librarians in today's legal information environment, and his role as trustee of the Sacramento County Law Library. Shirley David

(Director, Sacramento County Law Library, Sacramento, California) of the Working Group has said, "We feel that Justice George Nicholson should be made an honorary member for his continued interest in furthering the law librarian's professional image. The message he brings across to our members is that we should see ourselves as proactive and valuable members of the legal community with much expertise that can be shared more widely."

Justice Nicholson was a speaker at the State Court and County Law Libraries SIS program in San Francisco (1992). He provided both planning advice, spoke on two programs (and the preview program in Seattle 1994), served on the panel that summarized the Legal Information Issues Conference in Pittsburgh (1995) as well co-authored a substantial article for the conference proceedings. Justice Nicholson also served as faculty of the 1996 AALL Winter Institute Teleconference. The Information Technology and Implementation Working Group was established by AALL as a direct result of his recommendations to the AALL Government Relations Committee. He currently serves as an advisor to the Working Group. Justice Nicholson is generous with his praise of our individual accomplishments as law librarian and makes every effort to make opportunities for our voices to be heard within the organizations and projects he is involved.

For all the reasons cited above, I will be also introducing a request at the SCCLL-SIS Business Meeting in Baltimore to nominate Justice Nicholson as an Honorary Member of our Section. I have also asked the Awards Committee to consider designing an award for Trustees or Library Committee members.

Our by-laws do not contain a provision for honorary membership. Therefore, I will also ask the Bylaws Committee to draft some language so we can consider honorary members as a matter of course.

