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You'll notice the empty box to the left of this message. What gives? My predecessor, Frank Herch, set the tone for his year as chair by providing the newsletter editors with the catchy saxophone clip-art and "Jazz from the Chair" in each issue. As the newsletter deadline for this issue approached, the creative part of my brain fizzled. I am at a loss for an "appropriate" logo to represent my year as chair, so I've decided to enlist the assistance of the collective creativity of SCCLL members—a contest of sorts. Help me fill this blank box with a snappy logo.

Details: Submit a logo "suitable" for me. The individual who submits the winning entry will receive a \$30.00 gift certificate to their choice of Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble bookstores *Entry deadline: November 10, 1997 *Mail, fax entries to: Gail Warren, Va. State Law Library, 100 N. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219, fax: (804) 786-4542 *Contest judges: Rick Stroup, Beverly Rubenstein and Jean Holcomb

If you have Internet access, have you subscribed to the State, Court and County Law Libraries list serv? If not, do so soon or you'll miss information about committees, events and colleagues! The SCCLL SIS will offer many new opportunities this year for SIS members. In July, the SCCLL Executive Board approved creation of a Grants Committee, currently chaired by Kathy Carlson and ably assisted by Michele Finerty and Georgiana Gekas Wellford. Look for more information about this committee and funding opportunities for professional development in coming issues of this newsletter.

Charlie Dyer and Regina Smith are already two months into plans for the Trustee Development Committee. Regina has written and submitted a proposal to the Anaheim Program Selection Committee (AALL) for a Trustee Workshop to precede the Anaheim meeting. Charlie is working closely with AALL to ensure the Gates Library Foundation funding for public libraries includes public law libraries.

Enough information from me. Your perusal of this issue of the newsletter is better spent eyeballing the roster of committee members, reading news from the AALL Annual Meeting and programs in Baltimore, and learning about new opportunities for our SIS.

*Man is not the creature of circumstances.
Circumstances are the creatures of men.*
--Benjamin Disraeli, 1826.

—Gail Warren
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Minutes of the SCCLL Business Meeting

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1997
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

Chair Frank Herch called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Herch asked that SCCLL members respond to the AALL Salary Survey now in progress.

Chair-Elect Gail Warren announced that a preliminary committee roster was distributed, but that more volunteers are needed for all committees.

Managing Court Libraries in the 21st Century

Erick Low of the National Center for State Courts announced that a seminar is scheduled for November 1997, *Managing Court Libraries in the 21st Century*. There are scholarships available for this seminar sponsored by West Publishing. A mailing about this seminar will go to each SCCLL member.

WEBSITE/INTERNET COMMITTEE

Jerry Watson has volunteered to serve as the webmaster for the SCCLL web page. Possible contents of the page will include the newsletter, bylaws, brochure, and committee charges and members.

BILL AND MELINDA GATES LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Charles Dyer and Jean Holcomb initiated an effort to assure that the Gates Foundation's definition of public library be interpreted to include public law libraries, in order that we be eligible for Foundation funding. The SCCLL Trustees Committee will focus on this opportunity. Judy Meadows is establishing a special committee on Law Library fundraising. [Wes Cochran will chair this AALL committee.] It was suggested that Patricia Glass Schumann be contacted regarding this opportunity. She is a speaker on one of the programs this week.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Minutes of the Indianapolis meeting, published in the Fall 1996 newsletter, were approved. SCCLL is financially healthy. As of May 30, 1997, the balance in the treasury was \$8,428.17.



