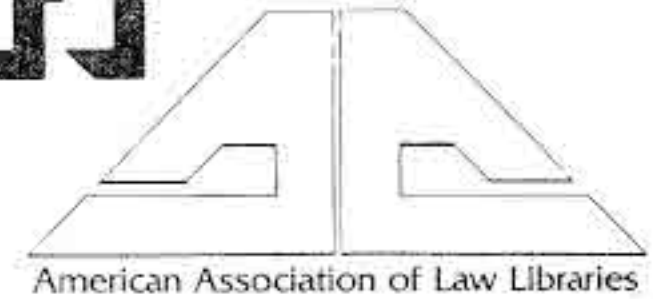


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CHAIRPERSON'S PAGE

As final preparations are being made for our annual meeting in San Francisco, the activities of SCCLL members throughout the year should be noted. All committees and particularly their chairpersons are to be commended for their continuing hard work: Paul Fu, Chairperson, Constitution and Bylaws; Joel Fishman, Chairperson, Standards; Muriel Hoppes, Chairperson, Statistics; Vivian Bryan, Chairperson, Nominating Committee. I especially want to single out Jim Werner for again editing what can only be described as a superior Newsletter.

I am looking forward to this year's annual program. The topic, "Promoting the Use of Library Resources, Staff and Facilities," will give us an opportunity to explore some public relations techniques with an expert in libraries and public relations. Alice Ihrig, our main speaker, is one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic supporters of library use I've ever run across. It's been my pleasure to hear Alice speak on several occasions, and her energy really is contagious.

Our after brunch panel of Claire Engel, D.A. Divilbiss, and Bob Schultz will bring to your attention some specific applications of library work and public relations. I would like to thank Donna Clark for putting the panel together. I also want to thank John Sigel, SCCLL Vice-Chair, for also chairing the local arrangements committee.

I encourage each member of SCCLL to attend the annual meeting. Between Alice, Claire, D.A., and Bob this program will prove one of the most outstanding we've had. Please refer to the program schedule on page for the details. Left off the original flyer was this important piece of information: Reservations are due by June 15.

One additional reminder, the business meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Although only a short period of time has been allotted, there is much business to discuss. Please contact me in writing for items you may want to have placed on the business agenda.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as SCCLL Chairperson this year. SCCLL has made great progress during the past few years, in membership (now over 200), in programs presented, and in projects completed. Our potential, however, is even greater. We must continue to play an ever increasing role in AALL; we must continue to seek support from our respective administrations; and we must continue to promote and expand the services of our libraries.

Thanks again. See you in San Francisco.

Marcia J. Koslov
Chairperson, SCCLL

ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO



The 1979 SCCLL Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the French Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

The program will be directed toward giving members some guidance in promoting their libraries and the services they offer, both to their administrations and their patrons.

The featured speaker, Alice Ihrig, has a long list of credentials fully qualifying her as an "expert" in the area of libraries and public relations. She is currently a member of the Illinois Library Association Board, the National Municipal League Board, and the Advisory committee to the Illinois State Library. She is not only a member of the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, but also chairs the ALA Committee on the White House Conference. Among her past activities, Alice has served as president of both the Illinois Library Association and the American Library Trustee Association. She also served on the ALA Executive Board for 4 1/2 years.

The SCCLL business meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, 1979 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., also in the French Room at the Fairmont Hotel.

Program Schedule:

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| 8:30 | - | 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 | - | 9:15 | Introductions |
| 9:15 | - | 11:00 | Promoting The Use of Library Resources, Staff, and Facilities Featured Speaker: Alice Ihrig, Director Civic and Cultural Programs Moraine Valley Community College Palos Hills, Illinois |
| 11:00 | - | 12:30 | Fairmont Brunch |
| 12:30 | - | 2:00 | Problems and Solutions in Current Services Panel: Setting Library Policies and Public Relations Robert R. Schmidt San Francisco District Attorney's Library Promoting Library Resources and Services S.A. Divilbiss Missouri Supreme Court Library |

Promoting Library Interests to Administration
Claire Engel
State Law Library of Montana

1979 SCCLL ANNUAL MEETING

Registration Form

Cost of the SCCLL meeting and brunch is \$20.00.
Reservations are due by June 15. Please send your reservation
and check (payable to AALL) to: Claire Engle, SCCLL Treasurer,
State Law Library of Montana, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59601.

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MORE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

AALL Education Committee & SIS

Early this year I attended an AALL meeting on the future of the Education Committee. There is a growing concern over the possible conflicts which could arise between sponsors of educational programs. The SIS's are developing their own programs, and particularly when it comes to subject area topics, it seems that they are better equipped to do so than the Education Committee. One of the recommendations to come out of the meeting is to have an education committee composed of SIS chairpersons and certain other committee chairs. This committee would work together with the convention program chairperson to produce a cohesive annual program. The major programs could be packaged and available to local or regional groups for their use.

Another concept was to follow the Medical Library Association's development of continuing education programs. They link professional certification with required continuing education units. MLA has a full time paid Director of Education.

If you have any thoughts, comments, or suggestions on the subjects of continuing education or annual programming, please contact me, or pass them directly to our AALL liason, Connie E. Bolden, Washington State Law Library.

Legislative Histories.

Recently I had an opportunity to do some research in the area of legislative histories. Since 1977, when I was a member of a panel discussion on legislative histories, a good deal has happened. Actually, it's been developing since 1947, but the biggest push has been since 1972. That is, the use of computer technology to solve information needs in state legislatures and legislative research work. Computer systems are being used for everything from drafting new bills and amendments to direct public access to bill status via on-line terminals placed outside House and Senate chambers.

This is a fascinating area that has tremendous

implications for law libraries. Unfortunately many law librarians have little available information on the development of these systems. For those interested, I would like to direct your attention to U.S. House Document 95-271, entitled "State Legislature Use of Information Technology."

I feel it would be beneficial for us, particularly as an organization of state, court and county law libraries, to have representation at the National Conference of State Legislatures. I know that some of you may already be involved in that organization. If so, I would personally appreciate hearing from you. If there is sufficient interest, I will be happy to present a proposal to the AALL Executive Board for an official liason to NCSL.

