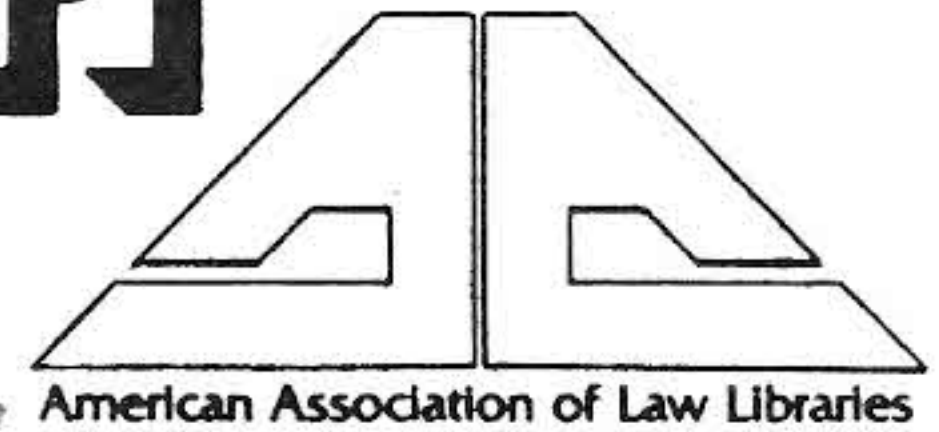


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CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

Time is rushing forward, and we shall soon be meeting again, this time at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. I am looking forward to the program on June 12th, which Carol Meyer has been working on. It should be useful to all of us. Duncan Webb (Michigan State Library, Law Division) will tell us how to present to "decision makers" proposals for software and hardware in the law library, and Robert Brink (Social Law Library, Boston) will discuss alternative funding possibilities for member libraries. Carol's present plan calls for a light lunch at about 11:30, to be followed by the program. Our business meeting will probably take place on the next day, June 13.

By now you should have received the SCLL Survey Questionnaire from Statistics Chairman Joel Fishman, and I hope you returned it without delay so it can be processed by the computer at Brigham Young University Law Library. It is our hope that the analysis of the survey results, which should amount to about 133 pages, will be available for purchase at cost. At the time of this writing, that price would appear to be \$15 to \$20 per copy. The computer analysis produces a listing of the data and the ranking of each institution, as well as the mean and median for small, medium, large, extra large libraries and overall for each type of data. This very comprehensive statistical survey has proved useful to academic law libraries, and I think each of us could put it to good use in our libraries. The listing of data and institution ranking is arranged by state, so you can easily compare your library with the other state, court, county and bar libraries in your state. Now that annual statistical surveys with national coverage will no longer be published in the Law Library Journal, this survey may be one of our only resources. If AALL does not provide a medium for publishing a summary of our statistics, then we might wish to include them in one of our NEWSLETTER issues.

Edgar Bellefontaine and his Nominations Committee has done its duty well and offers the following slate of nominees to be voted on in Detroit:

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect: Carol Meyer  
Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Moss  
Executive Board Member: Kai-Yun Chiu

Our by-laws provide that further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten voting members in good standing, and such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer before the election.

This is Anita Shew's last issue as the Editor of this NEWSLETTER, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the excellent job she has done. Chairperson-Elect, Edgar Bellefontaine, has persuaded Ruth Matz, Massachusetts Attorney General's Library, to serve as the new editor during the 1982-1983 year. I think we may look forward to a continuing NEWSLETTER of which we can be proud.

Both the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Standards Committee have rested on their laurels this year, but if you have any suggestions regarding their areas of interest, please bring them up at the meeting in Detroit.