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From Your Editors:

Welcome to a new volume, new content, and new look for *Technical Services Law Librarian (TSSL)*. It's new because we're new. We're excited at the possibilities and honored to have the opportunity to work on what we have considered for many years to be the finest SIS newsletter, not to mention one of the best in a large number of AALL publications.

Special thanks go to all of you who have helped us in these early stages, including: Jack Bissett, Janet McKinney, Brian Striman, Joe Thomas, the wonder-working Leonette Williams, and our many attentive columnists. We are particularly delighted to have Cynthia May as our new business manager. And of course, our heartfelt thanks go to past editor Mary Dzurinko and past business manager Lorraine Lorne not only for their help in transition, but also for their four years of excellent service.

Finally, we would like to invite all of you to actively participate in TSSL. Would you like to write a letter to the editor? We think a letters section would be a great addition. Better yet, would you care to send TSSL an article? We are looking for volunteers for the Automation and Internet columns, and would also like independently submitted articles, art and (dare we hope?) more poetry.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Linda Tesar and Anna Belle Leiserson

Dear TS and OBS friends:

I want to express my appreciation to you for the warm wishes you have given me during the past year and particularly since the AALL election. I was very touched by the display at the Technical Services SIS table in the activities area in Anaheim. It means a lot to me that my closest friends and colleagues in the profession are so generous in their support. Thank you for all the help you have given me over the years — and be ready to say yes when I call on you again!

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Technical Services Special Interest Section

From the Chair

Public librarians face a dilemma more often than law librarians: are we here to give patrons what they want or what they need? It is a dilemma that comes from the strain in our profession between the sometimes conflicting ideals of encouraging the free flow of thought and the preservation of cultural riches. Public libraries have largely followed the give-them-what-they-want path, good democratic institutions that they are, which is why you see lots of videos at your nearest branch and not too many Latin grammars.

I think technical services librarians in legal settings have a similar dilemma, although in this case our “patrons” are often our administrators and public services colleagues. They may “want” quick and cheap cataloging, maintenance-free package plans, and a bogus classification number so that those old green books can stay in the north reading room where they’ve always been; but what they “need” are accurate and complete cataloging records with authoritative headings, acquisitions procedures that ensure adherence to the library’s collection policy, and a commitment to a coherent set of standards that make the library’s organization a truly long-term investment. Many of us are lucky enough to work with non-technical services librarians who understand and support our view of the law library’s needs. Those who aren’t so fortunate should be able to articulate the necessity for basic principles underlying technical services work. It is the goal of the Technical Services Special Interest Section to help define and support those basic principles through the ongoing education of our membership, participation in other national-level organizations with technical services interests, and by providing a network of helpful colleagues.

If I can push the analogy one more time, I would suggest that AALL faces a similar want/need dilemma. There may be a perception that the majority of AALL members do not want substantive technical services programs offered at the annual meetings. But the fact is AALL needs those kinds of programs. A well-informed and enthusiastic cadre of technical services librarians will help to keep the organization focused on its *raison d’être*: the support of law libraries. It is up to us to make sure our parent organization understands the necessity of supporting technical services work as part of its effort to uphold the place of law libraries in our culture.

In all of these cases an overscrupulous desire to give people what they want at the expense of what they need will in the

end give them neither. Just as good public librarians never abandon their duty to give their patrons the opportunity to enrich their intellectual lives, so we should never neglect our duty to inform of and advocate for the technical services needs within law libraries. How we go about doing that is a matter for discussion and even disagreement. Is it time for us to make a radical departure from past practices? Should we try to operate within the traditional bounds of the SIS structure?

As with most dilemmas, the best we can do at times is to work with a compromise that may not make anyone immediately happy. In the near term, we do have good news from our parent organization. The general dissatisfaction expressed by TS librarians with the offerings of the Anaheim meeting has been noted, and changes for the next annual meeting have already been put into place. There should be ample time for TS-SIS committees to meet, for roundtables to be held, and for business to get done. There should also be a much better opportunity for Technical Services librarians to attend relevant educational programs. A Technical Services track has been introduced for the 1999 Washington, D.C. meeting, and that would seem to indicate a willingness by the organization to take our needs seriously. At this writing, we are about to submit one workshop proposal and 11 program proposals for the Washington meeting. With this much raw material (most of it very good) we should be building toward a great meeting in 1999. I would like to thank everyone involved in getting these proposals ready, particularly those who submitted them, and, most particularly, Regina Wallen of Stanford who put many of the proposals into proper form, and who has proven again what a valuable member of the TS-SIS she is.

I would also like to extend a welcome and a note of thanks to our newly elected officers. Janet McKinney is the Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Linda Tesar is the Secretary/Treasurer, and JoAnn Hounshell is the new Member-at-Large. Their willingness to serve and their already-proven enthusiasm promise much for our future. As for the past, we all owe a debt of gratitude to those officers who have served us so well: Leonette Williams, our Immediate Past Chair; Carole Hinchcliff, our Secretary/Treasurer for the past two years; and Betty Roeske, Member-at-Large for the past two years. Those of us getting underway in our new terms look to them for examples of service to the legal technical services community.

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As my year in the OBS Chair begins, let me first say thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve OBS and AALL. There are many friends among you, and many to whom debts and thanks are owed; I am happy to be able to return something. I also take great pleasure in expressing my gratitude to several old friends who are wonderful sources of help and encouragement: Jacqui Paul, now Past-Chair of OBS, a friend throughout my years of AALL membership, and a sure hand at the OBS helm, in spite of the siren call of early retirement; Sally Wambold, last year's Past-Chair, source of inspired suggestions and thoughtful advice; Brian Striman, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, as full of great ideas as he is of fun. We'll have a brief male interlude, then continue with more great women as OBS chairs.

The meeting schedule in Anaheim played havoc with SIS meetings. There were only about thirteen members present on Wednesday afternoon for the OBS business meeting. We had some important things to share and discuss, and since Secretary/Treasurer Ismael Gullon will give you a more thorough rundown on the business, I'll mention only a few high spots.

First on everyone's minds this year was a replacement for the Editor of TSLL. Happily, as you can see, we were fortunate to persuade Linda Tesar and Anna Belle Leiserson to take over. Almost in the same breath, Cindy May was shanghaied for the role of Business Manager. We hope to squeeze at least several good years out of the three of them, and still have their good will at the end. Much rejoicing, and much gratitude, to Mary Dzurinko and Lorraine Lorne for four dedicated years of editorship and management.

The SIS Council spent considerable time working toward a meeting schedule for Washington that will work for Special Interest Sections as well as for educational programming. We already have a tentative schedule, with guidelines for meeting planning. Joe Thomas, Chair of Technical Services SIS, and I will be able to work together so TS and OBS will have minimal meeting conflicts.

The Joint Research Grant Committee, founded by Brian Striman, and now chaired by Corinne Jacox, has

awarded its first two grants, to LeGrande Fletcher, Brigham Young University, and Christina Tarr, University of California Law Library. Congratulations to both of them, and now let's hear from some more of you! OBS and TS are prepared to grant together up to a total of \$1000 annually to aid research in the areas surveyed by our two Sections. For information, please contact Corinne, at the University of Orlando. She and her committee would very much like to put some money to work.

The OBS listserv was begun last year, along with many other SIS lists, and all members were automatically subscribed. No one is obligated to remain, but those who are subscribed all speak the same language. It offers occasional news and a forum for discussion of online bibliographic topics. We would like to make it as useful as possible. If you are looking for a forum to instigate discussion of an online topic, consider using the OBS listserv. A topic can be introduced here, with links to online data elsewhere, and discussion can be carried on back at the listserv.

There may be some listserv teething problems, i.e., those of you who have unsubscribed once may be resubscribed at the beginning of the new membership year. Head Quarters is working out the details of keeping the non-subscribers permanently off the list.

Finally, it had to happen eventually. Many of the SIS's have developed or are working on strategic plans. To paraphrase the old saying, "Yesterday I couldn't spell strategic plan, and today I got one." Given the perpetual confusion about OBS and its place in AALL, particularly in relation to TS, it seems worthwhile to give some deep thought to our identity, our mission, and how to carry it out. The Board will go to work on this and you will be kept informed, but your opinions will also be sought. Watch the list.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

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As we near the end of the decade, it might be good to look back and consider the more significant changes in cataloging practices of the 1990's. In the area of subject headings, let us first point to the verification tools we use, and the way they are packaged. For example, the traditional LCSH "red books," which recently celebrated their 100th anniversary, grew from a three (3) volume set in 1990 to a five (5) volume set in 1998, and were converted from hardcover to the paperbound format in 1996. Also, an innovation which we now take for granted occurred during this decade: the bibliographic utilities RLIN and OCLC added the complete LC Subject Authorities to their databases, and made the records search- and retrievable by their cataloging customers. More recently, the CD-ROM product known as Catalogers Desktop has allowed personal computer access to the Library of Congress Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings, and offers fast and more extensive ways to search for subject heading policies and practices, and for verifying the various free-floating or pattern heading subdivisions.

Another trend of the 1990's has been the "Subject Simplification Progress" which was initiated following the Subject Subdivisions Conference held May 1991 at the Airlie House in Virginia. Numerous changes have taken place, such as eliminating similar subdivisions with overly-fine distinctions (e.g., LAW-TERMS AND PHRASES, changed to: LAW-TERMINOLOGY) and the merging of the pattern heading subdivisions for Indians into the pre-existing pattern set for ethnic groups, generally, including many law-related subdivision and heading revisions. LC has also made much progress in adding the "(May Subd Geog)" instruction to many topical subdivisions, to try and achieve

a consistent practice of constructing headings with subdivisions in this order: —[Topic] -[Place] -[Form], whenever possible.

One other significant change, which has not previously been discussed in this column, was the Library of Congress decision in 1991 to begin allowing their own catalogers to execute "copy cataloging" of works in their arrears (aka "backlog"). The quarterly, *Cataloging Service Bulletin*, describes the initial project in its issues no. 51 and no. 55, dated winter 1991 and winter 1992, respectively. In fall 1993, according to CSB no. 62, the LC copy cataloging program was extended to divisions throughout the LC Cataloging Directorate. Users of LC-MARC records should be accustomed to seeing these bibliographic records by now. They contain a subfield \$c DLC and/or \$d DLC (or DLC-R) in the 040 field, and, more noticeably, are indicated by an 042 authentication field with the text "lccopycat," or "lccopycat-nm." Is the quality of these records as good as that of traditional original cataloging from LC? What differences might we expect for these records, regarding the subject

analysis and the subject headings? I was forced to look closely at this recently, when I communicated with Paul Weiss at LC's Cataloging Policy & Support Office, about an "lccopycat" record for a work I thought should have been classed in KF and have had U.S.-specific subject headings. This is how he responded:

"I've added --United States to the three subject headings. We try to avoid reclassifying except when the number is clearly wrong, since it involves retrieving and relabeling the book, reshelisting, etc. In this case the number is not incorrect — it's just not as specific as it could be. Our copy cataloging technicians are trained mostly to evaluate whether the subject headings and class numbers are formulated correctly rather than whether they are appropriate for the work. It's unfortunate that some works, such as this one, end up receiving less specific headings and class numbers than they would if we cataloged them originally, but that's the price we pay to free up our catalogers' time to catalog items that no one else has cataloged already."

The notion that LC would abrogate its duty to perform subject analysis, relying instead on the judgment of some OCLC member libraries' catalogers, is somewhat startling. But, sure enough, the aforementioned CSB articles have been straightforward in informing the library public of this policy. In issue no. 51, LC states that "each main and added entry heading, including subject headings, will be searched to determine whether that heading is established in the LC name or subject authority files." Some checking was also to be done regarding the "choice" of main and added entries, with revisions made where necessary. "Topical subject headings, on the other hand, will be corrected only for form ... Subject headings in copy cataloging records will not be checked



for correctness of application. These headings will represent the subject analysis done by the original cataloging library. The copy cataloger will not review the subject assignments to assure that they are done according to current LC subject cataloging policies.”

When copy cataloging was expanded at LC, there was even some loosening up of the requirements for choice of other headings, as well. We were told in CSB no. 62 that the program was to “focus on accepting as much as possible in the ExSR [external source record] without necessarily reflecting LC practice in all aspects, and that this condition continue to be reflected by the code “lccopycat” in an 042 field.” Now, the LC copy catalogers are advised to accept the choice of main entry and any added entries “unless egregiously misleading” and “insure that the 7xx complement includes basic access.” At the same time, a modicum of flexibility was given regarding the choice of subject headings. “The completed record [should] contain both an LC call number and at least one LC subject heading in those cases for which LC

subject cataloging policy calls for subject headings. ... Validate the authority of all subject headings and subdivisions. Verify that each heading has been constructed according to LC practice, i.e., that the string is formulated correctly. If the headings, subdivisions and construction cannot be validated, if the appropriateness of the headings is questionable, or if an egregious error is present, resolve the problem and do any needed authority work.”

And so, should we be concerned about these “lccopycat” records? Well, they have been available to libraries for eight years now, and, apart from the occasional complaints and discussion on AUTOCAT, there has been no great riot among the country’s catalogers, or much disruption to our cataloging workflows. With its initial emphasis on books and sound recordings in English, French or Spanish that had been in LC’s arrears for a minimum of three years, the impact on law-related titles may have been less extensive than for other disciplines. (According to 1997 statistics, and those for the first half of LC’s 1998 fiscal year, copy

cataloging is now done at LC for almost 17% of all its titles cataloged. However, in my law library’s current backlog of 98 LC-copy titles, I was able to find only three, or about 3%, that were “lccopycat” records. All three of these records, by the way, were quite good quality; although last week we cataloged another “lccopycat” record containing this physical description: \$a xxiv, 486 ; \$c 24 cm., i.e., missing the “p.” after the number 486.)

The conclusion we have reached is one not based on any scientific study; in fact it may be somewhat anecdotal, but one which I believe many experienced catalogers share. These “lccopycat” records are not of the same high quality, by and large, that we have come to expect for fully LC-cataloged records. Nevertheless, they are probably of better quality than the average utility’s member-input record. And so, it is advisable to be aware (if not a bit wary) of the differences, and to alert your staff or make changes to workflow, accordingly, depending on the needs and priorities of your library. ☹

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

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My favorite film on technical services professional development (t.s. p.d.) is *It’s A Wonderful Life*. The film reminds me how dependent we all are on those around us, and what a community would be like without the contributions of each person. I wonder what technical services law librarianship would be like without *your* contributions? How have you given to the community of librarians in our profession?

As I begin this column, I think what would professional development among OBS & TS law librarians be like without the life of others, especially Brian Striman? Brian wrote the inaugural Research & Publications column

for *TSLL* in 1992 (v. 18, no. 1, p. 8), beginning with this prescient declaration:

“The purpose of this new column is to provide the following information: 1) to report on the research activities of our colleagues (if known); 2) to provide a research “idea pool;” 3) to discuss research methodology; and 4) to include publishing opportunities for technical services law librarians.”

Brian started *TSLL*’s Research & Publications column as an outgrowth of his prior work as 1) Chair of the TS-SIS Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Publishing Opportunities for Technical Services Law Librarians 1989-1991

(appointed by Renee Chapman); 2) member of the AALL Standing Committee on Research 1989-1993; and 3) founder and coordinator of the OBS/TS Open Research Roundtable 1992-1998 (appointed by Alva Stone). Since 1992, Brian authored 10 R&P columns (and various other p.d. notes and reports) in *TSLL*, sharing over 50 publishing opportunities, 32 ideas and articles about t.s. p.d., and 30 TS and OBS colleagues’ publications and presentations. In addition, he spearheaded the OBS/TS Joint Research Grant, and chaired that committee its first year (1997-98).

I highlight Brian’s important work since his example of creative initiative and service for each of us is itself an

example we can follow in our personal development as technical services law librarians. And since Brian "George Bailey" Striman is so busy sharing what others are doing, I don't think he'll get around to talking about himself or his "wonderful life" as a technical services law librarian. (For additional inspiration, read the twenty-five technical services lives profiled in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, vol. 25, nos. 2/3-4, 1998. An additional source of ideas is Charles W. Bailey's new Version 20 of his *Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography* at <<http://info.lib.uh.edu/sep/sep.html>>.)

Publishing Opportunities

I work in my law library's Technical Services Department as a Government Documents/Microforms Librarian, so many of the p.d. opportunities I'm highlighting are related to government documents. However, most of the following are open to *non-government* librarians in technical services law librarianship. If you discover others, Ellen McGrath and I would be interested in sharing them.

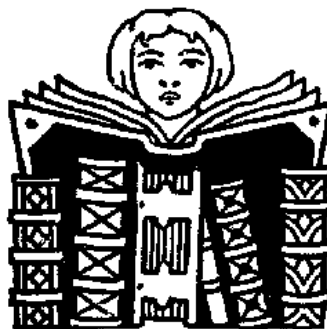
Carol Avery Nicholson (University of North Carolina) seeks volunteers to assist with an upcoming update to the *Law Library Systems Directory*. Contact her at: <cnichol@email.unc.edu> or (919) 962-1199. Look for her survey updates this Winter.

The editor of *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology*, Mark Estes (Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, Denver), welcomes technical services contributors (and book reviewers). Contact him at: <mestes@csn.net> or (303) 866-0260. Mark Estes made the July 1998 cover of *Library Journal* for his article on law librarians and the Internet.

Cataloging Government Documents: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2 (1984) is currently being revised by Rhonda Marker (Rutgers) under the auspices of the ALA GODORT Cataloging Committee, and she seeks assistance from law librarians. Rhonda Marker needs a chapter written on cataloging legal publications (govt. docs), including loose-leaf services. She is

also very interested in receiving anyone's examples of "thorny cataloging problems." Contact her at: <rmarker@rci.rutgers.edu> or (609) 426-1536, through December 1998.

Another government documents forum looking for more technical services programs is the annual Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington, D.C. (next one is April 12-15, 1999). The August 15, 1998 issue of GPO's *Administrative Notes* (vol. 19, no. 10), at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_cods/dpos/adnotes.html#4>, asks for librarians to volunteer as speakers or suggest speakers and topics. The deadline is Oct. 30, 1998. Contact Sheila McGarr, Chief, Depository Services Library Programs Service (SLLD), in Washington, D.C., at: <smcgarr@gpo.gov> or (202) 512-1119.




The U.S. Government Printing Office's *Administrative Notes: Technical Supplement* has a section called "Readers Exchange," which includes notes by non-GPO contributors on government documents, including processing, cataloging and related issues. The current editor is Laurie Beyer Hall (GPO, Washington, D.C.), at: <lhall@gpo.gov> or (202) 512-1062. See also <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/dpos/techsup.html>.

The *Journal of Government Information* (formerly *Government Publications Review*) includes articles and book reviews that sometimes pertain to the technical services aspects of government documents. The current Editor-in-Chief is Steven D. Zink (University of Nevada, Reno), at: <[\[unr.edu\]\(mailto:unr.edu\)> or \(702\) 784-6500, ext. 253. See also <<http://www.lib.auburn.edu/madd/docs/jgi/title.html>>.](mailto:stevenz@</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Acquisitions and other t.s. law librarians ought to contribute to the *Law Library Journal's* informal series of state legal practice materials (waiting for some 30 states!). The most recent one (on Wisconsin) mentions the assistance of TS-SIS member Virginia Meier, at 90 *LLJ* 219 fn. * (1998). Frank Houdek (Southern Illinois University) is *LLJ's* editor at: <houdek@siu.edu> or (618) 453-8788.

Another opportunity is the AALL Government Documents State Documents Bibliography Series. See <<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/stateb.html>> for a list of the 45 U.S. state and Canadian provinces done so far. Only 10 have been revised or completed since 1990 (in pre-Internet days), so there are more possibilities here than you may first think. Contact the current GD-SIS chair, Charlene Cain (Louisiana State University), at: <llcain@lsuvm.sncc.lsu.edu> or (504) 388-4957. Brian Striman & friends did Nebraska's state docs bibliography in this series ten years ago, another example of his life of service.

Finally, the AALL Reader Instruction & Patron Services SIS is sponsoring a new series of pamphlets covering topics ranging from computer lab and reference services to law library management and administration. The series is titled: *Briefs in Law Librarianship*. Sample policy and/or procedural documents accompanied by surveys outlining how law libraries have addressed a specific policy or procedure will comprise the bulk of each title in this series. The series editor, Roberta Studwell (Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing), told me that she is interested in TS & OBS topics that cross into access and patron services, such as acquisitions, govt. docs, etc. She noted that the upcoming third pamphlet is on a preservation issue: disaster and emergency preparedness planning. Contact Roberta Studwell at: <studwelr@mlc.lib.mi.us> or (517) 371-5140, ext. 600. See also <<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/BRIEFSL.htm>>. This series would be a good publishing venue for any t.s. surveys potentially funded by the OBS/TS Joint Research Grant (a Brian Striman contribution). 



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I first became acquainted with OCLC in October of 1991 (not such a long time ago), when Passport was new, and OCLC wasn't much more than a bibliographic utility. The OCLC of today is much more diversified, dealing with reference services, contract cataloging, software innovations, as well as providers of bibliographic records to a global community. In many ways, OCLC has helped to shape the way our technical services departments function. As I prepared for the daunting task of composing a column for this issue of TSLL, it soon became apparent that I was in over my head. The more I learned about OCLC, the less I knew! Please bear with me as I valiantly attempt to fill the shoes of past chair George Prager, whose OCLC column was always full of useful information.

New Publication: History of OCLC

I eagerly await the publication of the history of OCLC. *OCLC 1967-1997: Thirty Years of Furthering Access to the World's Information* is edited by former OCLC President and CEO K. Wayne Smith, and due out in the third quarter of 1998. According to the blurb by George Promenschenkel in the May/June 1998 issue of *OCLC Newsletter*, "the book provides a look back across 30 years of continuous technological change as OCLC grew from an Ohio network of 54 academic libraries to a global network of more than 27,000 libraries in 64 countries and territories, and also looks ahead to the future of OCLC and libraries."

Flat Fee Internet Pricing

As of July 1, 1998, libraries have an alternative to the traditional Internet

connect time charge. With the advent of flat fee Internet pricing, libraries can choose to pay a flat, monthly connect charge for each simultaneous user. The services supported by the new pricing option include: OCLC Cataloging, OCLC Selection, OCLC Interlibrary Loan, and OCLC Union List. Other pricing options available at this time include: Internet Connect-Hour access, dedicated TCP/IP access, and dial TCP/IP access. With the decommissioning of the OCLC Multidrop Network by the beginning of the year 2001, flat fee pricing becomes a much-needed alternative option to the more traditional pricing structures. Information on OCLC pricing can be found on the OCLC website at: <<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/com.htm>>.

OCLC PromptCat Service

The OCLC PromptCat Service was briefly discussed during this year's OBS-SIS Roundtable discussion. For those unfamiliar with the service, PromptCat automatically provides copy cataloging for monographic library materials as libraries receive them from participating vendors. Currently, the list of vendors includes: Academic Book Center, Ambassador Book Service, Baker & Taylor, Inc., Blackwell's Book Services, Book Clearing House, the Book House, Inc., Casalini Libri, DA Information Services, Pty. Ltd., Majors Scientific Books, Inc., Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc., and Yankee Book Peddler. Vendors who plan to participate in the future include: Brodart Company, Coutts Library Services, Inc., Eastern Book Company, Franklin Book Co., Inc., Iberbook International, S.L., Puvill Libros, S.A., and Jean Touzot Libraire Editeur. As you can discern from this list, law library vendors participating in this service are practically nonexistent. Until such time as major legal vendors

such as West, Lexis, and BNA join the list, this service seems of limited use to law libraries. Perhaps we on the library side should contact our vendors to assure them that this service is indeed worth consideration. PromptCat has the potential to be a truly cost-effective feature to technical services departments.

CatME Enhancements

For those of you who use CatME, Version 1.10 should be available in early 1999. Some of the enhancements include the ability to:

- Specify which column and row to begin printing labels for laser printer stock.
- Define a font size for printing labels and define a font size for printing records and lists different from the font size for display.
- Specify blank lines in automatic stamps to separate the automatic stamp from the call number on labels.
- Specify having batch reports printed automatically after batch processing completes.
- Specify downloading up to 100 matches for batch searching; currently this is limited to 10 matches.
- Launch your default Web browser and define a default URL within the CatME software.
- Import original records created in your local system from a USMARC file into a workform in CatME for processing to WorldCat.
- Turn off delete confirmations when deleting records from the local file or deleting the entire local file.
- Define a keystroke to apply a string of characters that are used frequently ("simplified constant data").
- Specify to receive a warning when taking final actions (update,

produce, etc.) while logged on interactively.

- Copy text from the displayed batch reports from the View menu to paste into other Windows applications.
- Display records with URLs where the URL will be a hotlink to the Web address.


OCLC has made available an automatic notification service whereby catalogers can receive an email message when Version 1.10 is made available. To access this service, go to the URL-Minder Registration Form on the OCLC Access Suite download site at <<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/suite/index.htm>> and select *Download Software*.

Type Code Editing

Catalogers can now change the “Type of Record” code (USMARC Leader/06) to correct format inaccuracies in records created before the recent USMARC policy change, which now emphasizes record content rather than physical carrier (for instance, a CD-ROM issued serially is now coded as a serial rather than a computer file). Changes can be made on all unlocked or locally edited bibliographic records; the modification will not affect the master record (unless the user is authorized to do so). In order to change a Type Code:

1. Overtyping the incorrect Type Code with the correct one.
2. Press <F11>. The record redisplay with the fixed-field mnemonics of the new Type of Record. Further editing of the redisplayed fixed field (and possibly other elements in the record) is necessary before the record will pass validation.

Bits and Pieces

Most of the information gathered for this column can be found in the electronic serial, *Bits and Pieces*, issued monthly by OCLC at <<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/bit.htm>>. I encourage everyone to explore the OCLC website for more in-depth discussion of the topics mentioned above. 

PETER ENYINGI RECEIVES THE RENEE D. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL AWARD



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Peter Enyingi received the Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship at the TS-SIS business meeting in Ahaheim, CA. Members of the Chapman Memorial Award Committee were Melody Lembke, Los Angeles County Law Library, Phyllis Marion, California Western School of Law Library, and Dana Dvorak, Law Society of Upper Canada Great Library.


Peter Enyingi retired from the Los Angeles County Law Library in 1990. He lives at 3397-P Punta Alta, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. Peter divided his law librarianship years between Cornell Law Library (1960-68) and Los Angeles County Law Library (1968-90) where he was promoted from Cataloger to Technical Services Librarian.

Peter always took an active interest in professional activities and encouraged his staff to participate as well. He was especially active as a member of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Standing Committee on Cataloging and Classification; he served as its Vice-Chair in 1974/75, 1975/76, and 1976/77. He encouraged the creation of a “Technical Services” special interest section and was a member of the bylaws group which established TS-SIS. He also organized the first Cataloging Big Heads Roundtable.

Peter liked to learn from the experts and share what he discovered. Some of the programs at the AALL annual meeting that he organized and moderated: “Legal Subject Headings after Day 1,” AALL 1981; “Is there a LeSH in Your Future?” AALL 1983; “Voices of LC Policy: a Conversation with Mary K.D. Pietris and Ben Tucker,” AALL 1986; and “Authority Control in Local Systems,” AALL 1989. Another accomplishment of which he was very proud was the 1980 AACR2 Cataloging Institute held in Carbondale, IL, which he co-directed with Phyllis Marion.

Not only did he help organize programs, he also made written contributions to the law cataloging field, even though English was his third language (after Hungarian and German). He was the “Subject Expert” in the beginning of *The Law Cataloger* (v.1 (Aug. 1975)) and continued as an editor of the subject column in *Technical Services Law Librarian* until 1986. His articles include “Subject Cataloging Practices in American Law Libraries: A Survey,” *Law Library Journal* 68 (1975): 11-17. With William T. Ford and Richard T. Iamele he wrote “Library of Congress Subject Heading Modification and Development of the Subject Authority File at Los Angeles County Law Library,” *Law Library Journal* 68 (1975): 1-10. He was the creator and compiler of *Legal LC Subject Headings Weekly Lists* from its inception in 1986 until his retirement in 1990. Notice that the word “subject” appears in so many of Peter’s activities. His intellectual interests focused to a great extent on subject analysis of legal materials.

I think that his most lasting and important contribution was as co-author of the 1st (1984) and 2nd (1989) editions of *Cataloging Legal Literature*. Peter tried for years to get committees and other groups together to work on such a manual for law catalogers. His drive finally got the publication on the road and to the presses working with other staff at the Los Angeles County Law Library.

Peter always told me that when he retired he was going to pursue wood working and photography, other loves besides law cataloging. But I’m happy to inform you that he couldn’t stay away completely. He is currently indexing German and Hungarian language articles for the *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*. 

SERIALS

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Margaret McDonald



The following serial title changes were recently identified by the University of California, Berkeley Law Library cataloging staff and the University of San Diego Legal Research Center serials staff:

Annual report of financial transactions concerning community redevelopment agencies of California, Fiscal year 1984/85-fiscal year 1993/94

Changed to: Community redevelopment agencies annual report, 1994-95 fiscal year-

California. Office of State Controller.
Financial transactions concerning special districts of California : annual report, -1994-95 fiscal year
Changed to: California. Office of State Controller.
Special districts annual report, Fiscal year 1995-96-

California. State Banking Dept.
Annual report of the Superintendent of Banks of the State of California, 1st (1910)-87th (1996)
Changed to: California. Dept. of Financial Institutions.
Annual report, 1st (1997)-

Comparative labor law journal, Vol 8, no. 1 (fall 1986)-v.18, no. 4 (summer 1997)
Changed to: Comparative labor law & policy journal, Vol. 19, no. 1 (fall 1997)-

Consumer legislative digest (1994), 1993/94-1996
Changed to: Legislative digest (1997), 1997-

Great Britain. Her Majesty's Stationery Office. HMSO annual catalogue, 1985-1995
Changed to: Stationery Office (Great Britain). The Stationery Office annual catalogue, 1996-

Hofstra labor law journal, Vol. 2, no. 1 (spring-fall 1984)-v. 14, no. 2 (spring 1997)
Changed to: Hofstra labor & employment law journal, Vol. 15, no. 1 (fall 1997)-

Loyola consumer law reporter, Vol. 1 (1988)-v.9 (1997)
Changed to: Loyola consumer law review, Vol. 10 (1998)-

Maryland journal of contemporary legal issues, Vol. 1, issue 1 (spring 1990)-v. 8, issue 2 (spring/summer 1997)
Changed to: Journal of health care law & policy, Vol. 1, no. 1 (1998)-

University of Louisville journal of family law, Vol. 31, no. 1 (winter 1992/93)-v. 35, no. 4 (fall 1996/97)
Changed to: Brandeis journal of family law, Vol. 36, no. 1 (winter 1997/98)-

Veröffentlichungen der schweizerischen Kartellkommission und des Preisüberwachers, 1 (1987)-1 (1997)

Changed to: RPW : Recht und Politik des Wettbewerbs, 1997:2 (Juli 1997)-

The following serial cessations were identified by the University of California, Berkeley Law Library acquisitions staff and the University of San Diego Legal Research Center serials staff:

New schools, new communities
Ceased with: Vol. 12, no. 3 (spring 1996)

Pension management
Ceased with: Vol. 32, no. 6 (June 1996).

Sentencing practices quarterly
Ceased with: No. 59 (quarter ending March 31, 1992)

Also note, a new member of the "bibliographic undead" --

Roster : California state, county, city and township officials, state officials of the United States
Suspended publication 1996-1997; **revived with** 1998 issue

And CORRECTIONS!

Thanks to our astute readers for the following corrections to the March 98 column:

The Directory of law teachers which ceased publication in 1993/94 should have been identified by its uniform title: **Directory of law teachers (Montreal)**. Its full title is: Directory of law teachers = Annuaire des professeurs de droit, and was most recently published for the Canadian Association of Law Teachers by Carswell. It is NOT the AALS directory of law teachers, which is still alive and kicking.

Also still dead, but with a different last issue is **Environmental action**. The date of cessation should have been reported as vol. 28, no. 1-2 (spring/summer 1996).

And not dead after all is the **Employee relations law journal**, mistakenly reported as having ceased with v. 21, no. 3 (Winter 1995/96).

Thanks to Kathy Faust, Ellen McGrath and Harriet Zook for these corrections.

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REPORT OF THE
AALL REPRESENTATIVE TO ALA/ALCTS/CCS/CC:DA
(CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION: DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS)

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The Committee met at both the Midwinter and Annual ALA meetings in 1998. This report summarizes both sessions.

Brian Schottlaender, the representative to the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR, reported on the international conference held last October in Toronto. The JSC recommended three areas for continued study as a result of the conference. They are seriality, underlying principles, and the issue of content vs. carrier. Tom Delsey (National Library of Canada) is responsible for a study of the underlying principles of AACR2. He has not yet reported. The issue of content vs. carrier was delegated to CC:DA by the Joint Steering Committee and a Task Group led by Martha Yee (UCLA) has begun looking at Rule 0.24. A progress report will be presented in January 1999.

A CONSER task group has been formed to study the Hirons/Graham paper on Seriality presented in Toronto and to formulate possible rule revisions based on the recommendations in the paper. A subgroup of this task force has been formed, led by this representative, to study the impact of proposed changes on loose-leaf publications and to recommend possible rule revisions specifically related to loose-leaves. Since the legal cataloging community has the most experience with this type of publication, this subgroup is formed primarily of catalogers from law libraries. Ms Hirons attended CC:DA meetings in Washington and presented a summary of the Modified Model C proposal and of her group's discussions of the past months. To briefly summarize, this proposal divides the bibliographic world into monographic entities and ongoing entities. Ongoing entities can be either successive, such as traditional print

journals, or integrating, such as loose-leaves, databases and websites. Seriality task groups have been concentrating on defining these entities and will also be addressing its impact on the rules. In a related development, a new member has been added to CC:DA, from the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) to facilitate the presentation of rule revision proposals from CONSER and PCC and from the Seriality Task Groups.

A Task Group on Conference Proceedings continued its work on defining what constitutes a named conference (Rule 21.1B1). Two options were presented, one giving more specific guidance, and the other more generalized. The second, more generalized option was approved by CC:DA, which would change the wording to read: Consider a corporate body to have a name if the words referring to it are a specific appellation rather than a general description.

Another task group is looking at harmonization of ISBD(ER) and AACR2 Chapter 9. This group will identify areas of AACR2 which are not in conformance with the ISBD(ER), and if necessary, propose rule revisions. This group is just beginning its work and will report at Midwinter.

The Task Force on Metadata and the Cataloging Rules presented its final report. The full report (as well as the draft reports of other task groups) can be found at: <<http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/ccda/tf-tei2.html>>. Its findings, very briefly stated, are that metadata is not a substitute for cataloging, but can be viewed as a source of information.

Finally, an update on AACR2e and the print version of the AACR2. The work



on the electronic version of AACR2 is just about finished. Preparation work is expected to be finished by mid-July, after which the Joint Steering Committee must review the text one more time. It is expected to be incorporated into LC's Cataloger's Desktop and be available in the October release. The 1993 amendments have all been incorporated in the text. The 1997 amendments will not be. They will appear as a separate section in the electronic version. A new print version of AACR2 will be issued at the end of September or early October. The 1997 amendments will not be incorporated into the printed text either, but will be printed separately within the new edition. This news caused some dismay, since apparently no separate issuance of the 1997 amendments is planned and the only way to obtain them is to buy the new print edition.

CC:DA Action items - 1998

1. Omission of names, dates and numbers from the title proper

Rule 12.1B7 instructs the cataloger to omit from the title dates and numbers that

constitute the designation of the serials issue. The proposed revision would allow for the omission of other names, dates, prices and numbers that do not constitute designation.

2. Prescribed punctuation for the series area

Rule 1.6A lacks two situation of prescribed punctuation: 1) when the numbering consists of a numeric and/or alphabetic designation followed by a chronological designation; and 2) when the title of a subseries is preceded by the alphabetic or numeric designation for the subseries. Proposal corrects this situation.

3. Numbering grammatically integrated

The proposed revision of

1.6B1 adds the missing instruction for transcription of the title proper when the numbering is grammatically integrated with the title of any comprehensive publication.

4. General information about series numbering

Proposed revision of 1.6G adds examples with chronological and alphabetic designations.


5. Both numeric and chronological designations for series

The proposed revision adds the option to record the chronological designation when an item in a series has both a numeric and a chronological designation.

6. General information about subseries

Rule 1.6H does not address three general subseries situations: the selection of title proper when some of the main and subseries titles are not in the same languages or scripts, the handling of such phrases as "new series" or "second series" when numbering is lacking, and action to take when there is doubt about the subseries. The proposed revision adds instructions in these situations.

7. Numeric and chronological designation of a serial

Rule 12.3C4 incorrectly uses the term "numbering" when "numeric and/or alphabetic designation" should be used. The proposed revision changes the wording. 

REPORT OF THE
AALL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALA ALCTS/CCS
SUBJECT ANALYSIS COMMITTEE



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Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C., June 26-29, 1998

The ALA ALCTS/CCS Subject Analysis Committee and its subcommittees held meetings June 26-29 during the ALA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Various subcommittee and liaisons gave reports at the two SAC meetings. One of the most popular reports is given by the Library of Congress Cataloging Policy and Support Office's liaison to SAC, Lynn El-Hoshy. She reported that the subdivision —**Biography** is no longer valid under authors unless it has been printed in **LCSH**. —**History—To 1500** is now free-floating under topical headings. **Bibliography—Bibliography** has been replaced by **Bibliography of bibliographies** and **Bibliographical literature**. **[topic] in tele-**

vision headings have been changed to **[topic] on television** headings. **Opening statements (Law)** has been approved for use as a subject heading. In the fall, LC will begin to include geographic names subdivision forms in MARC tag 781 linking fields. These fields will be added to new and revised subject heading authority records for geographic names. Gary Strawn from Northwestern has provided LC with a file of geographic subdivisions and this data will be used to add linking fields to the existing subject authority records. Mr. Strawn is from Northwestern University Library and has done a lot of work on using authority files in OPAC's At the end of 1998, there should be new editions or versions of some of the history schedules, K, KD, KE, KF, KJV-KJW, K form tables, and Class M. There will be a 1998 edition of KZ later

this year that should clarify how to subarrange treaties and which will provide more numbers for peace and boundary treaties which used to be in D-F. LC is working on a revision of HM for sociology. Many of the revised schedules should appear in the last update for 1998 of *Classification Plus* which will be on a newer version of Folio.


The Form Headings/Subdivisions Implementation Subcommittee heard from Tom Yee, Acting Head of CPSO. He reported that LC will be using Gary Strawn's subdivision authority file as the basis for creating authority records for free-floating subdivisions. The files will be edited by LC which hopes to distribute them in the fall. The subdivision authority files for form subdivisions should also be distributed in the fall. LC hopes to begin using subfield

v in bibliographic records in November. The guidelines for assigning form subdivisions will be included in *1998 Update Number 2 to the Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* which should be published in the fall. The creation of authority records for 155 form headings will occur sometime in the future. Watch the CPSO home page for developments. Some libraries, such as Curry College in Massachusetts, have created search indexes for form headings. These headings and subdivisions will be useful if our OPAC's display them well. The subcommittee plans to have an educational forum in Philadelphia on form headings and subdivisions.

The Subcommittee to Promote Subject Relationships/Reference Structures is

working on a program for ALA New Orleans to promote the better use of existing subject references in OPAC's. Some systems display *narrower* and *used for* terms but few display broader and *related* terms. There is a wealth of information available in subject authority records which should be displayed in a friendly manner to the users.

The two SAC Metadata subcommittees continued to learn about Metadata in anticipation of making recommendations concerning the applicability of subject headings and class numbers to Metadata. The subcommittee dealing with classification and Metadata will be reviewing some of the sites listed in Gerry McKiernan's *Beyond Bookmarks*

site to see how they use classification. The general subcommittee on the use of subject analysis in Metadata discussed the subject field in the Dublin Core Metadata record which allows for keywords, controlled vocabulary, and classification. Subject analysis in other types of Metadata records will be reviewed later. The subcommittee will begin to study the use of controlled vocabulary in the records. Issues to be examined include single or multiple vocabularies, metathesauri, specificity, syntax, term relationships, consistency, application guidelines, etc. The two subcommittees have a site at <<http://www.govst.edu/users/gddcasey/sac/metadata.htm>>. These are going to be interesting subcommittees which warrant watching. 

Technical Services SIS 1997-1998 Board Meeting

MINUTES

*Saturday, July 11, 1998
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

Present: Leonette Williams, Joe Thomas, Betty Roeske, Carole Hinchcliff, Mary Burgos and Regina Wallen.

Preliminary Remarks (Leonette Williams)

Leonette thanked the TS-SIS Executive Board for their hard work during the year.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Carole Hinchcliff)

Summary of report and balance sheet to be distributed on Wednesday, July 15th at TS-SIS business meeting given by Carole Hinchcliff.

TS/OBS/RIPS/CS SIS Joint Reception (Betty Roeske)

This year's reception was organized by Betty Roeske who arranged that the Innovative Interfaces check for \$3,500 was sent to AALL before the Anaheim reception. Betty will introduce the III

representatives at this evening's reception around 6:15 p.m.

This year the Academic Law Library SIS reception is at the same time as the TS/OBS reception. This scheduling will affect the numbers expected to attend this evening's reception and the consensus was that this scheduling conflict should be avoided in the future.

Actions:

- Carole Hinchcliff will arrange for the new treasurer, Linda Tesar, to reimburse Betty for the flowers she purchased for the Innovative representatives who will be attending the reception.
- Joe Thomas will talk to Ed Edmonds (Incoming Chair of the Academic SIS) to find out when the Academic SIS plans to have their reception at the Washington D.C. meeting.
- Joe Thomas will explore the idea of having the other special interest sections contribute time and money towards the TS-SIS reception and

determine the appropriate amount of the contribution from Innovative Interfaces.

Committee Reports

Acquisitions Committee

Leonette Williams summarized Cynthia Aninao's report. The major activity of the committee has been LAWACQ, the moderated listserv started in early 1995 which presently has approximately 120 members and has had 192 postings since July, 1997. The committee sponsored "New Horizons in Collection Development: Approval Plans" which will be presented this coming Tuesday morning. The new Chair of the Committee is Carmen Brigandi from California Western School of Law.

Cataloging and Classification Committee

Leonette reported on behalf of Carol Shapiro that the group is working on several projects including form and genre, developing a list of legal terms, looking at Great Britain versus England

in subdivisions, and revisions to AACR2.

Heads of Cataloging in Large Law Libraries

Leonette reported on behalf of William Benemann that the group of twenty-five representatives from the largest law libraries met in Baltimore at last year's AALL meeting. A number of other librarians attended the meeting to hear about the topics discussed, migrations to new automated systems, and adoption of the new JZ/KZ schedules. The group will reconvene from noon - 1:30 on Tuesday, July 14th.

Education Committee

Regina Wallen reported that one of five proposals submitted was accepted for the Anaheim meeting. This was a disappointing result, but TS-SIS believes that there will be more programs of interest to technical services librarians at the Washington D.C. meeting next year. Joe Thomas already has ten program ideas in hand and some ideas for acquisitions and cataloging workshops. The deadline for submitting proposals for the Washington D.C. meeting is Monday, August 17th. Next year, to our advantage, it appears that roundtables will be able to be scheduled when programs will be running and the TS-SIS business meeting will return to a Sunday time slot. Jack Bissett incoming chair of OBS-SIS has suggested that TS-SIS and OBS have back to back business meetings so that reports can be shared.

Action:

- Joe Thomas proposed that the incoming vice-chair of TS-SIS should be more involved with programming for upcoming meetings. Joe will check to see if a bylaws change would be necessary to do this and he will be keeping this idea in mind as he examines the present organization and structure of TS-SIS committees.

Exchange of Duplicates

Leonette Williams reported on behalf of Melinda Davis that they have fifty-

six members and their goals are to review their authority list of titles and increase their membership.

Preservation Committee

Leonette reported on behalf of Hope Breeze that the committee sponsored a tour of the Library of Congress conservation lab in conjunction with last year's AALL meeting in Baltimore and this year's roundtable will feature Will Meredith from Harvard who will talk about managing the digital imaging project at Harvard.

Renee D. Chapman Award

Leonette Williams announced on behalf of Melody Lembke that this year's winner of the Renee D. Chapman Award is Peter Enyingi, emeritus technical services librarian from Los Angeles County Law Library.

Serials Committee

Leonette Williams has not yet received a report from Joe Hinger.

Technical Services Law Librarian

Leonette Williams reported that at this year's TSSL meeting they will continue last year's discussion of whether the newsletter should be available only on the web versus web and paper, and the issue of whether the newsletter should include advertising.

Anna Belle Leiserson and Linda Tesar will be taking over the newsletter editorial responsibilities from Mary Dzurinko, and we are looking for a new business manager to relieve Lorraine Lorne from these responsibilities.

OBS/TS Research Committee

Leonette Williams reported on behalf of Brian Striman that Ellen McGrath had received three research grant proposals. The recipient of the grant has not yet been determined by the committee. The new chair of the committee will be Corinne Jacox, Head of Technical Services from University of Orlando School of Law, Euliano Law Library.

Old Business

Leonette explained why TS-SIS would

incur the expense of a telephone line for the JZ/KZ workshop.

Adhoc Committee on Regional Educational Programs for Technical Services Librarians

Leonette Williams announced that three librarians had contacted her about this committee.

Action:

- Joe Thomas will develop this idea via the professional development committee.

Membership Survey

Leonette Williams thanked Joe Thomas for putting together an excellent survey. Sixty-eight percent of respondents were from academic law libraries. Joe has already talked to Janet McKinney about adding some new questions to next year's survey.

New Business

Announcement of Newly Elected TS-SIS Officers

Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Janet McKinney

Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Tesar

Member-at-Large
JoAnn Hounshell



Program Proposal

Leonette Williams reported that she has received a letter from Michele Finerty suggesting that the TS-SIS Business meeting could offer an educational program as part of the meeting. This is done by the State Court and County Court librarians SIS, a group that in the past has invited a non-AALL speaker and paid for the person's expenses and honorarium.

Action:

- Joe will consider this idea as he works on the programming for the Washington D.C. meeting.

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Technical Services SIS

1998-1999 Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 1998

Present: Joe Thomas, Janet McKinney, Carmen Brigandi, Mary Burgos, JoAnn Hounshell, Anne Myers, Linda Tesar, Pat Turpening, Leonette Williams, and Mary C. Wilson.

Joe opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Washington, D.C. 1999 Annual Meeting

Anne Myers, the TS liaison to AMPSC (Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee) delivered a report. She reminded the group that AMPSC is not the body that sets policy. She cautioned us to be careful not to ask for too many "round tables". She offered an alternative suggestion: a program followed by round table discussions. Anne counseled the group to submit advanced programs in well-written proposals. In Washington, the SIS's will be given the 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. time slot on Sunday in addition to other available time slots. Since meeting space for committees is often crowded, chairs should request a room double the size. She also announced that AMPSC hopes to have ten rooms set up as round table rooms for the duration of the conference.

Other items regarding the 1999 annual meeting included a suggestion for collection development programs, a request for a more flexible schedule with more available times, and a suggestion that we propose a preservation workshop. The last one was held in 1991. Linda Tesar also mentioned that Sandy Braber-Grove, chair of the Index to Periodicals Committee, had offered to co-sponsor a program with TS.

Regina Wallen will be the editor of program proposals. She'll need them by August 1 since they must be at AALL Headquarters by August 17.

Reports/Comments from Executive Board members

Carmen Brigandi reported that the Acquisitions Committee is looking at teleconferencing to try to reach paraprofessionals. The group is also setting up a web page to link to institutions' collection development policies. The page will be advertised on lawlib, etc.

Pat Turpening announced that the AALL Preservation Committee is dying. She asked if we should try to absorb that committee's purpose into the TS Preservation Committee's charge. Our committee has very few members, only four or five.

AALL Professional Development Committee request for Committees

The AALL Professional Development Committee members are reworking the Acquisitions and Cataloging workshops. They asked for three representatives from TS for each topic. Joe announced that the representatives for Cataloging are Jean Pajerek, Phillip Post, and Michael Marin. The Acquisitions representatives are Jim Mumm and Dick Vaughan.

Technical Services Law Librarian

Joe announced that Anna Belle Leiserson and Linda Tesar have agreed to assume the editorship of TSLL. We still need to find a new business editor and some of the column editor positions may need to be filled as well. Joe will soon be making an appointment for our second TS-SIS representative to the board. Currently, only Dick Vaughn represents TS-SIS.

Ad Hoc Committee on the assessment of TS-SIS, by-laws, etc.

Joe is forming this committee partly at the suggestion of Margie Axtmann. The committee will address the following questions: "Are we as

organized as we should be?" and "Do we have the right committees?" Membership of the committee will initially consist of the chair, vice-chair, secretary/treasurer, and the two members-at-large. Joe will add committee chairs as their topics come under review. He also plans to send out a general message on the TS listserv and solicit suggestions.

Executive Board Communications

Joe announced he would like to keep discussions going by passing things to the whole executive board. He encouraged the board members when they reply to messages to reply to everyone.

New Business

- a. *Philadelphia 2000 Annual Meeting*—there's be a change in the Education Committee structure. Janet McKinney, TS vice-chair, will be in charge of soliciting and coordinating program proposals for Philadelphia. She is already in consultation with Brian Striman, vice-chair of OBS-SIS.
- b. *1998/1999 Survey* – The vice-chair, Janet McKinney, is in charge of the survey process. She may make some changes in this year's format.
- c. *TS-SIS Web Page* – The page is not up-to-date and Joe would like suggestions about the front page.
- d. *Public Relations* – Joe would like board members to be on the lookout for decent giveaways for the TS table at next year's convention. We also need to consider something other than candy for the TS table at CONELL.
- e. *TS Listserv* – Janet reminded the group that members will be automatically added to the listserv by AALL. Members who do not wish to subscribe to the listserv will have to unsubscribe.

f. *Annual Reception* – Joe praised Betty Roeske for her organization of this year’s reception. He would like to make sure that a pattern doesn’t develop that requires one of the members at large to set up the reception. Linda suggested that this might be something that would

naturally fall under the duties of the secretary/treasurer and volunteered to work on it.

Joe also suggested that it might be nice if we arranged with the other SIS’s to raffle a prize at the reception.

g. *Nominations/Awards Committee* – Joe asked board members to email him with suggestions.

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Technical Services SIS 1997/98 Annual Business Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 1998

Leonette Williams called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. She reported that she had spoken with Michael Saint-Onge and Jim Heller to relay the SIS members’ dissatisfaction with the Anaheim programs and scheduling.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Leonette distributed copies of the report prepared by Carole Hinchcliff who was unable to attend the meeting. The report is reproduced at the end of these minutes below.

Members At Large Reports:

Betty Roeske reported on the success of our joint reception held Saturday, July 9. The turnout, while smaller than in previous years because of the competing ALL-SIS reception, was good, and Innovative, our corporate sponsor, was quite pleased with the entire affair.

Representative Reports:

Rhonda Lawrence, the AALL representative to MARBI, delivered an update of current MARBI business. MARBI makes recommendations and decisions on coding and its committee reports are available at <<http://www.loc.gov/marc>>.

Items of interest:

- New concise MARC formats are available and coming out soon.
- The National Library of Canada will be implementing harmonized formats.

- The final report on Metadata, with links to MARBI and CC:DA, is available online at <<http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/ccda/tf-tei2.html>>.
- The Library of Congress produced a new statement, “MARC in the year 2000”, in March 1998. See <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/yr2000.html>>.
- The Cataloging Policy and Support Office issued a report, “Subject Authority Data Elements and Form/Genre Implementation”, June 26, 1998. The report, available at <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/formgenr.html>>, states the Library of Congress will begin to make changes to the authority files in autumn, 1998.

Rhonda also reported on a discussion paper introduced in New Orleans. It proposed to define the 856 field in an authority record to provide a link to the corporate body’s web page. Some participants at the MARBI meeting questioned whether this was what we want from an authority file. However, the proposal passed as submitted. LC will look at it more closely and report back on how to implement it.

Marie Whited’s report from ALA ALCTS/CCS/SAC and Ann Sitkin’s report from ALA/ALCTS/CCS/CC:DA are reprinted elsewhere in this issue. Both are also available from the TS-SIS homepage.

Committee Reports

Acquisitions:

Carmen Brigandi delivered the committee’s report. The listserv, Law-acq, began in early 1995. Most of its current members are academic law librarians. The committee sponsored the program, “New Horizons in Collection Development Approval Plans,” at this year’s meeting. The group is developing a collection development policy page to add to the websites with links to institutions which have placed their collection development policies on their own websites.

Two program proposals were discussed by the committee: Development of New Products by Vendors, a proposal being developed by Jim Mumm, and Electronic Materials Collection Development Policies. The committee members also discussed the feasibility of a telecommuting program for paraprofessionals and they appointed an education subcommittee to prepare proposals for the Philadelphia meeting.

Cataloging and Classification:

Leonette Williams delivered the report for Carol Shapiro who could not attend. The committee is involved in several projects including implementation of JZ/KZ, the revisions to AACR2 rev., and the development of legal terms to be submitted to ALA and the Library of Congress.

Exchange of Duplicates:

Leonette Williams reported that the group was making its first steps toward an electronic list.

Heads of Cataloging in Large Law Libraries:

Bill Benemann reported that at last year's meeting in Baltimore, there were so many big heads that the room was filled to capacity and flowed into the hallway. The main topic of discussion at this year's meeting was implementation of JZ/KZ.

Preservation:

Leonette Williams reported that the Preservation Committee sponsored a tour of LC's conservation lab at the Baltimore meeting last year.

Program/Education:

Joe Thomas reported that TS-SIS submitted proposals for four programs and one workshop for the Anaheim meeting. Only one program, "Shattered Shelves! Effective Emergency Preparedness", and the JZ/KZ workshop were approved.

Joe encouraged members to visit the TS-SIS homepage which has links to a summary of the 97/98 survey results and to the reports of AALL liaisons to ALA.

OBS/TS Joint Research Grant Committee:

LeGrande Fletcher delivered the report for Brian Striman. LeGrande announced that he will join Ellen McGrath as co-chair of the Open Research Roundtable replacing Brian who has been elected vice-chair/chair elect of OBS-SIS. LeGrande mentioned an upcoming, limited survey being conducted by the Editorial Boards of *Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*. He encouraged anyone who receives it to re-

turn it. He also relayed Carol Avery Nicholson's request for assistance in preparing the new edition of the *Law Library Systems Directory*. Finally, LeGrande announced this year's grant recipients. The committee received three applications, one of which was withdrawn. The other two applications were approved and grants were awarded to Christina Tarr, University of California, Berkeley, who is working on a project related to cataloging on Amazon.com, and LeGrande Fletcher, Brigham Young University, who is compiling a bibliography on Nevada legal materials to be published in *Law Library Journal*. LeGrande urged anyone interested in publication opportunities to contact either Ellen or him.

Serials Committee:

Joe Hinger delivered the Serials Committee report. The committee had submitted proposals for a full one-day workshop and a program at the Anaheim meeting. Neither submission was selected. During the last year, the committee also produced a statistical survey. They received completed surveys for 40% of the 181 surveys sent.

Joe also reported on the Serials Committee's meeting in Anaheim. Despite the early hour of 7:15, the turnout was great. One topic the group discussed was whether they should defunct the committee and make it a subcommittee of another group. This proposal was defeated. Joe is working on a report to be published soon. The committee's main focus this year is AALL's lack of representation with NASIG. Reports from NASIG delivered at the committee meeting indicate a record attendance of law librarians.

Renee D. Chapman Award:

Melody Lembke presented the Chapman Award to this year's winner, Peter Enyingi. Peter is the award's first retired recipient although he still contributes to the profession by indexing for the Index to Legal Periodicals. Peter came to the United States with a law degree and first worked for Cornell then moved to L.A. County Law Library. His greatest contribution to the profession was his sense of sharing. He also worked closely with Phyllis Marion when AALL first got the idea of SIS's and he was the impetus to the formation of the big heads. Peter is also the reason there is a *Cataloging Legal Literature*.

Introduction of New Chair/New Chair Comments:

Leonette introduced the incoming chair, Joe Thomas from Notre Dame University, and Joe thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as chair. He reminded the group that program proposals for the 1999 Washington, D.C. meeting were due at AALL headquarters on August 17. There will be a technical services track but the form is not yet clear. Joe asked that all program proposals be sent to Chris Tarr, Reggie Wallen, or him.

Joe also announced he plans to form a new ad-hoc committee which will look at the structure of TS-SIS committees to determine if we have what we need and if we need more.

He also plans to make use of the TS-SIS listserv as a primary communication tool and asked everyone to keep watch for future messages.

Joe announced the new editors for *TSLL* are Anna Belle Leiserson and Linda Tesar both from Vanderbilt University. Appointment of a new business manager is in the works.

Joe finished his remarks by thanking Leonette for all her help in "bringing him along".

Other Announcements:

Brian Striman popped over from the OBS-SIS meeting to add a few of his own comments to LeGrande Fletcher's report. He mentioned the amount of each award (LeGrande was awarded \$300.00; Christina Tarr was awarded \$231.00. TS is responsible for half of this total, \$260.50.) and announced that Corinne Jacox would be the new chair of the Joint Grant Committee. She will be in contact with Richard Leiter, the new chair of the AALL Research Committee, and will be making adjustments to the grant process for next year. Brian also reported that he'll be working with Larry Dershem on "LC classification annotated", an expanded version of the current Rothman schedules.

Janet McKinney warned that she will be soliciting help for the upcoming TS survey which comes out sometime in October. She also asked people to be developing program proposals for Philadelphia in 2000 since she needs them in less than a year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Technical Services Special Interest Section Secretary/Treasurer's Annual Report

October 1, 1997 - April 1, 1998

BALANCE ON HAND (10/1/97)	\$16,558.38
INCOME	
Exchange of Duplicates Subscriptions	\$ 900.00
EXPENSES	
None posted as of 4/1/98	
BALANCE ON HAND	\$17,458.38
ENCUMBRANCES	
Ballot Expenses	383.54
Telephone Line for KZ/JZ Workshop	200.00
Pamphlets for KZ/JZ Workshop	360.00
TS-SIS Table - Exhibit Area	150.00
Giveaways for TS-SIS Table	50.00
Estimated TS-SIS Share of TSSL Vol. 23 Expenses to Date	2,153.14
Estimated TSSL Share of TSSL Vol. 23 Office and Supply Costs	176.00
Total Encumbrances	3,472.68
PROJECTED BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JULY 1, 1998	\$13,985.70

Membership

In September, 1997 we received a total dues credit of \$3,504 which represented \$6 for each of the 584 members of the TS-SIS. The mailing list supplied to me for the recent election had 604 names on it. Hopefully, we will have at least that number of members by September 30th when we will receive the next adjustment for our portion of AALL membership dues.

Election Results

The election for the 1997/1998 Executive Board officers was conducted by mail ballot. 604 Ballots with accompanying biographical information and statements by the candidates were mailed to members the week of April 13th, 1998. 223 ballots were returned by the deadline of May 20th giving a 37 % return rate.

Vice/Chair/Chair Elect	Janet McKinney
Secretary /Treasurer	Linda Tesar
Member-at-Large	JoAnn Hounshell

Financial Status

We started the beginning of the AALL fiscal year with \$16,558.38. From October 1, 1997 - April 1, 1998, our income has consisted of \$900.00 - \$30 from each of the 30 paid up subscribers to The Exchange of Duplicates program.

As of April 1, 1998 no expenses were debited against our account by AALL Headquarters. This is unusual compared to previous years when we have incurred expenses such as printing and postage costs for the duplicate exchange program and photocopy, fax, telephone and postage charges for members conducting TS-SIS business and seeking reimbursement for such expenses from our funds.

My report shows expected expenses under "Encumbrances". Such expenses include the printing, envelopes, labels and mailing expenses associated with our recent election, the TS-SIS share of printing, and mailing Technical Services Law Librarian. Our TSSL share of the expenses will be finalized by the end of the AALL fiscal year. Expenses associated with the Anaheim meeting include the provision of a telephone line and materials to enhance the KZ/JZ presentation, and expenses associated with providing the TS-SIS table in the exhibit area.

Respectfully Submitted,
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July 10, 1998

Technical Services Special Interest Section Acquisitions Committee

MINUTES

July 13, 1998, 5:30 - 6:30

Cynthia Aninao presided.

The meeting began with introductions of all present. Cynthia asked anyone who was interested in taking over leadership of the group to let her know.

Mary Ertl gave an update on the foreign vendor list on which she and Harold Moren have been working. The original mailing to 157 vendors brought 108 acceptable responses. Another mailing to vendors was sent in October, 47 follow-ups and 4 to newly suggested vendors, bringing 21 additional responses. Corrections and suggestions for new vendors to survey are welcome. <<http://www.uiowa.edu/~lawlib/vendors>>

Rob Richards reported on the Legal Publishers' List that he created and maintains, which he update July 10. <<http://www.Colorado.EDU/Law/lawlib/ts/legpub.htm>>

Rob Richards suggested creating a web site linking to collection development policies that any law libraries have available. He will write, or help somebody write, the html document with hotlinks and ask for URL's from LAWACQ and law-lib.

Jim Mumm had been asked to raise the issue of a basic acquisitions workshop for consideration as one of AALL's "road shows," their recently developed array of programs intended to reach people who can't attend AALL annual meetings. The group discussed what the target audience would be, and there was a feeling that, in addition to librarians new to acquisitions, paraprofessionals might attend such a workshop in their own region. Teleconferences have been very successful recently, and could reach even more people. Jim Mumm will discuss the feasibility of one or more teleconferences covering basic acquisitions issues (nuts and bolts)

with Anne Myers. The following people volunteered to help develop such a program: Ajaye Bloomstone, Carmen Brigandi, Heather Buckwalter, Karen Douglas, Sandra Klein, Mary McKee, Mahnaz Moshfegh, Alice Pidgeon, Sara Spiegel, Claudia Zaher.

Cynthia reminded everyone that on Tuesday, July 14, (9:45 - 10:45) the committee is sponsoring a program: "New Horizons in Collection Development: Approval Plans," coordinated by Julie Stauffer.

Cynthia led a discussion of program proposal topics for next year's meeting, the theme being "At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology, and Policy." There is a very small window for getting the proposals in; they must be to Reggie Wallen, TS-SIS Education Committee, by early August.

Lisa Arm suggested a program on collecting electronic resources, including developing a selection policy. Carmen Brigandi and Rachel Pergament will coordinate.

Jim Mumm and Dick Vaughan will refine and re-submit a proposal for a program on how publishers develop a product, decide marketing strategies, pricing. They will consider asking CRIV if they are interested in co-sponsoring such a program to bring wider appeal.

Christine Graesser dropped by representing CRIV and asked if the Acquisitions Committee would be willing to work with CRIV on some projects. The group readily agreed, and CRIV will be in touch. Frank Houdek, the incoming CRIV Chair, had also mentioned this request to Jim Mumm.

Jim Mumm suggested creating an Education Subcommittee of the Acquisitions Committee to be charged with developing program ideas by approximately January 1999 for the Philadelphia meeting in 2000. Lisa Arm and Sara Spiegel volunteered and will watch

for issues to consider. Maria Cap suggested a program on EDI focusing particularly on electronic ordering and invoicing and the group would like to have it proposed.

Jim Mumm asked if individuals would be willing to write to Mary Ellen Marlowe or Ron Boller at West to request annual invoicing. Several people expressed concern about being billed correctly for a full year in advance, but thought it might be possible for selected titles.

Mahnaz Moshfegh asked if members of the Serials Committee could join the LAWACQ discussion list, and Cynthia agreed.

Mary Ertl thanked Cynthia for all of her work in moderating the LAWACQ discussion group, and everybody present heartily agreed.

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July 14, 1998

The session was moderated by Connie Smith, Head of Collection Services at Jenkins Memorial Library in Philadelphia. After attendees introduced themselves, Connie briefly reviewed last year's roundtable topics to start the discussion.

1. Approval Plans -

There was a discussion on approval plans vs. notification slips which had been the subject of an AALL Annual Meeting program earlier in the day.

2. Non-Law Book Ordering -

Amazon's Editor Service was mentioned as a very good source. Discounts were reported at 15-20%; payment can be made by credit card or check, with no hassle returns. The idea of Amazon setting up services for libraries was discussed. Barnes and Noble Online and Borders were also used.

3. Using Credit Cards for Internet Ordering -

One attendee related a story of how thieves can breach security on a Web site and steal credit card numbers. It is hoped that major services such as Amazon have control over this issue.

4. Jobbers -

Besides Yankee Book Peddler, Midwest Library Service, and Blackwell North America, other jobbers used were Ingram, which has a new Web site, and The Strand Bookstore, which specializes in popular press books.

5. Aspen Law and Business -

The publisher's practice of charging 8.5% for shipping to all points across the country was mentioned as unfair. Also, the company has not clearly communicated to customers which publications will continue and which will be cancelled. Duplicate shipments were also a problem. These problems will be mentioned to CRIV as possible issues on which to work.

6. West Group Publishing Billing -

The pros and cons of annual billing were discussed. The group was advised to write to Mary Ellen Marlowe, Senior Director of Customer Service, if they were in favor of annual billing. (A few West items are already billed annually.) Although advantages include less monthly paperwork by library staff (and also West), fewer postage and processing charges, and fewer possible errors, some librarians felt they would be overcharged for titles if billed annually. Some reported on massive account cleanups which occurred after the West Group merger.

7. Year 2000 (Y2K) Compliance -

It was suggested that legal publishers be asked for this in



their licensing of electronic products. LIBLICENSE-L has model contract language which will be suggested to CRIV as an area for them to work on with legal publishers.

8. Cost-Per-Use for Web Products -

Standard reporting procedures for Web products to make cost-per-use decisions was mentioned. ARL has a committee that is working on this.

9. CCH Internal Revenue Manual Audit & Administration -

CCH had not sent out any updates for this service in over a year. Some felt that a reduced charge for the next subscription term should be given. Some academic libraries had cancelled the set after asking their tax professors.

10. Publisher Pricing -

How legal publishers set prices was discussed. There are different types of law libraries with different needs. CD-ROM is cheaper than paper, and Internet is cheaper still and easier to control. The US market is relatively underpriced. Since some publishers are not archiving electronic files, libraries will need to do this. With fewer legal publishers, the issue of monopolies was discussed.

11. Standardization of Web Pages -

It was suggested that a survey be done with CRIV to obtain information on Web page design that would be more standard and easier for law libraries to use. It was suggested that CRIV initiate a prize for Best Law Vendor Web Site as well as Best New Product.

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TS-SIS Standing Committee on Cataloging and Classification

MINUTES

July 13, 1998

Chair Carol Shapiro opened the meeting on Monday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. by mentioning that many things are going on behind the scenes. She noted that the lack of technical services programs at the Anaheim conference was very disheartening, and the online survey conducted in the convention center did not pose the correct questions to elicit constructive comments on the quality and variety of this year's programming. A number of SIS's feel the same way, so the method used to put together future programs may be reconfigured.

Announcements

Ellen McGrath has received the SUNY Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Lenore Rapkin has published "A Civil Law Lexicon for Library Classification," which links civil law terminology with appropriate LC subject headings.

Melody Lembke has agreed to be the next chair of the TS-SIS Standing Committee on Cataloging and Classification. Melody said she would be willing to work with anyone who is interested in chairing the group.

Reports

ALA ALCTS Catalog and Classification: Description and Access [CC:DA]: Liaison Ann Sitkin reported on both the Midwinter and Annual sessions. Highlights included updates on the work of the seriality task groups, the Task Group on Conference Proceedings, a task group on ISBD(ER) and Chapter 9, and the Task Force on Metadata and the Cataloging Rules, as well as information on both the electronic and print versions of AACR2. Ann also mentioned that there is much interest in "globalizing" AACR2 to make it more usable on an international level.

ALA ALCTS Machine Readable Bibliographic Data Committee [MARBI]: Liaison Rhonda Lawrence commented that a combined meeting of CC:DA and MARBI showed recognition that changes in descriptive cataloging rules will have an impact on MARC codes, especially changes to Rule 0.24. There has also been some discussion about enlarging the LC authority record structure to allow for the inclusion of name information from other countries, creating a sort of mega-authority record.

Survey on Cataloging Documentation: Christina Tarr reported that she and Melinda Davis had received 97 responses to the survey on in-house cataloging documentation. Most libraries reported having some form of documentation, and

most found it to be useful. When the survey results are completely compiled, the results will be posted on the Web. Christina suggested that some catalogers may be able to use survey results to show supervisors that time is needed to develop documentation.

Form/Genre Terms for Law: Bill Benemann reported on the efforts of the ad hoc committee to compile a list of legal form and genre terms. This list may end up being incorporated into another thesaurus, or, if it is lengthy enough, it may end up as a separate list to be approved and maintained by the Standing Committee on Cataloging and Classification. Bill announced that a draft list has been compiled and welcomed comments on it. The list can also be found on the Web at: <<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/stdcomm/catclass/gnredrft.htm>>.

IGO Collection Survey: The survey showed that most of the responding libraries intershelve their collections, although a few have separately classed collections. There is some interest among a few libraries in cooperating in this area.

New Business

Program proposals for 1999 are being collected. It was noted that program proposals that are fairly complete have a better chance of being accepted.

The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m. with the group thanking Carol, the representatives, and the working group members for all of their hard work.

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OBS RLIN Committee

Open Discussion

HIGHLIGHTS:

RLIN Record Loads. Most law libraries are weekly contributors of their ongoing cataloging.

Summary Holdings. RLIN encourages libraries to send US MARC holdings data with our RLG records. Libraries that cannot export holdings in the MARC format should follow a consistent alternative, such as sending non-MARC holdings data that can be mapped to RLIN holdings.

MARCADIA & Law Reclass. Now that RLG has loaded Yale Law's reclass records, MARCADIA could be useful to other libraries doing reclassification projects. Cornell has also loaded a large number of reclassified records. MARCADIA uses a Z39.50 client to search the RLIN database in a batch mode, according to library-specified criteria, and combines records found with the customer library's local data. MARCADIA can be a very useful tool to law libraries that are reclassing to LC. The library can limit searches to specified libraries and take the call number data only.

Notable customers include Harvard, Columbia and Cornell. At Harvard Law Library, records identified as matches are manually reviewed prior to loading; even with the manual routine, the process is speeded up a lot by MARCADIA's automated record retrieval. Columbia's Butler Library, on the other hand, automatically overlays the entire bib record without a manual review.

Format Integration. Format integration allows the assigning of primary and secondary format characteristics (e.g. book and CD). Cornell and Boston University are among the libraries that assign the secondary code where applicable.

856 Second Indicator. RLG expects to implement the new indicator values by the end of November 1998.

Authority Record Enhancements for NACO Participants. RLIN is providing enhancements that include templates, CRE* from Authority records, and the ability to generate an authority record from a heading. These will certainly make life easier for catalogers who are NACO contributors.

Z39.50 Client Uses for Technical Services. RLG is developing Z39.50 client gateways for the Deutsche Bibliothek Database (DBD) and for CURL (Consortium of University Research Libraries) Union Catalogue (CUC) in the UK, offering access to millions of additional bibliographic records. The gateway is a virtual extension of the RLIN database; records are not actually loaded on RLIN. Access should begin to be available September 1 on all RLIN accounts. The DBD and CUC databases will be offered for selection as we now select BKS, SER, etc. Tech services staff will be able to transfer records, and do CRE* within RLIN. Record transfers (Pass and Put) will cost more than RLIN database records because RLIN is being charged licensing fees. Zephyr access to the CUC and DBD for libraries that have their own Z39.50 clients is expected to be made available in Fall 1998; Eureka access will follow sometime later.

Future RLIN Meetings at AALL. There was a discussion of reorganizing and rescheduling RLIN-related meetings, including the RLG meeting on Saturday mornings and the RLIN committee that normally meets at 7 a.m. during the week. It was clear that the committee meeting should not be combined with the Saturday RLG

meeting because of the conflict that already exists with the Innovative Users' Group meeting. There was sentiment in favor of trying to hold a longer RLIN Committee meeting (combining elements from the RLIN Forum), but in a more convenient timeslot than 7:00 a.m., possibly on Sunday.

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Cataloging & Classification Issues

Round Table

A lively meeting was had by all (at least 46 signed in). Marie Whited gave her SAC report with the news that HM, K, KD, KE, KF, KJV, and all K schedule form tables are in revision. Various SAC subcommittees are looking at form headings, subfield v (genre terms), OPAC display of authority records, and Metadata and Dublin Core.

There was a reflective discussion about the future form and format of the Round Table. Next year's programming includes unscheduled discussion times. This may help when we have much to talk about, and our programs are rejected. There seemed to be agreement that the Round Table should not be used for leftovers from the Committee meeting. We could have smaller discussion groups with a facilitator and/or subcommittees like ALA does.

Vendors should be approached on implementing 781, \$v etc. As long as they and we are at the Meeting, it's a good time to speak directly to them.

Ann Sitkin spoke a bit on seriality, a concept that comes out of the 1997 Toronto conference and could cover all kinds of ongoing entities. Adele Hallam's looseleaf cataloging manual could serve as a starter for description that would be incorporated into AACR2 revisions.

There was a question on how public services feel about URLs in records and cataloging electronic titles in general. The answer was a mixed bag. Some love it; some hate it and can't understand why we want it. A related question was raised on policy for deciding which titles to catalog and which to merely add as a link on web pages. Maintenance procedures for URLs have not been resolved and there is talk that OCLC is not maintaining PURLS, so should we even put in 856s?

There was no unanimity on who should do maintenance for serials and continuations, e.g. publisher changes. It's important to train serials check-in staff to watch for changes.

The new and then the old attendees introduced themselves; it was good to see a real mix of the two.

Marie Whited suggested we should make more use of the TS list <listserv@aall.wuacc.edu> which is especially for law people. Rhonda Lawrence thought that a phone call is sometimes quicker.



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OBS-SIS & TS-SIS Open Research Roundtable

MINUTES

Sunday, July 12, 12:15-1:30

The OBS-SIS & TS-SIS Open Research Roundtable was coordinated by Ellen McGrath and Brian Striman. It was attended by eighteen law librarians interested in research and publishing.

Brian Striman announced that he is the new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the OBS-SIS. To free time for his new responsibilities, Striman will no longer coordinate the Research Roundtable or work on the Research and Publications column. LeGrande Fletcher will replace him in these activities. In addition, Striman has resigned as chair of the OBS-SIS/TS-SIS Joint Research Grant Committee. Corinne Jacox will be the new chair of this committee.

Brian Striman gave an update on the Joint Research Grant Committee (JRGC). A handout describing the goals of the grant and the application form was distributed. The committee received three applications from LeGrande Fletcher, Chris Long, and Christina Tarr. The Long proposal was retracted before review. Both the Fletcher and the Tarr proposals will be recommended to both SIS chairs for final approval. Fletcher will receive \$300 to complete an annotated bibliography of Nevada legal practice materials which he expects to publish in the *Law Library Journal*. Tarr will receive \$231 to assist with the research of cataloging techniques at Amazon.com.

There were several questions about the grant application process. In summary, here are Striman's responses. The grant is intended for projects that will directly or indirectly benefit technical services librarians. The applicant needs to provide an itemized budget in the proposal. The applicant can also request additional funds for unexpected expenses which must be approved by the JRGC. Deadlines for completing the grant are flexible; the applicant should include an approximate completion date in the proposal. A grant proposal can be submitted as a collaborative project with more than one applicant. Grant funds cannot be used to pay for the applicant's time; the funds

are intended for out-of-pocket expenses. It is unlikely that a proposal will be approved for work that will be published for sale.

Ellen McGrath commented that there are other grants available to assist with research. She will forward news about grant opportunities to anyone interested; everyone who adds their e-mail address to the attendance sheet will be added to her distribution list. She reminded everyone that preparing a grant application is a very good way to allow the applicant to review his or her project in a structured way.

The Roundtable then discussed issues relating to starting a research project. Suggestions were made to forward ideas to editors of a potential publication source. If the editors are interested, they will assist with the writing process. This helps build up the momentum needed to follow through on a project. It is also useful to create deadlines (either self-imposed or through other people's expectations) to motivate the completion of a project. Co-authors working together should make clear the responsibilities of each before starting a project. References were made to Brian Striman's "So, You Wanna Be A Hemingway" in the *Technical Services Law Librarian*, vol. 23, no. 2 (December 1997); Mohammad Mury & Mitchel Walters' "Writing in Journals in

Library and Information Science" in *Serials Librarian*, v.31(4), (1997), p. 23-40.; and Dennis Benamati & Evelina Lemlin's *Publication Opportunities for Law Librarians: An Author's Guide* (1995).

Author copyright was also discussed. It was suggested that authors may want to reconsider publishers if they are unable to keep ownership of their work. Review the publisher contract and do not be afraid to make adjustments to it.

Carol Avery Nicholson talked about updating the *Law Library Systems Directory*, and recruited some volunteers at the Roundtable. She also described changes to AALL's Editorial Board, and mentioned an upcoming random survey of 1500 AALL members looking for feedback on *AALL Spectrum* and *Law Library Journal*.

Two independent law librarians shared their current research projects. Ruth Balkin discussed her work compiling the local court rules for Monroe County, New York. Becky Davis described her research on the use of the Kardex system to organize private law library resources and prepare for future migration to electronic format.

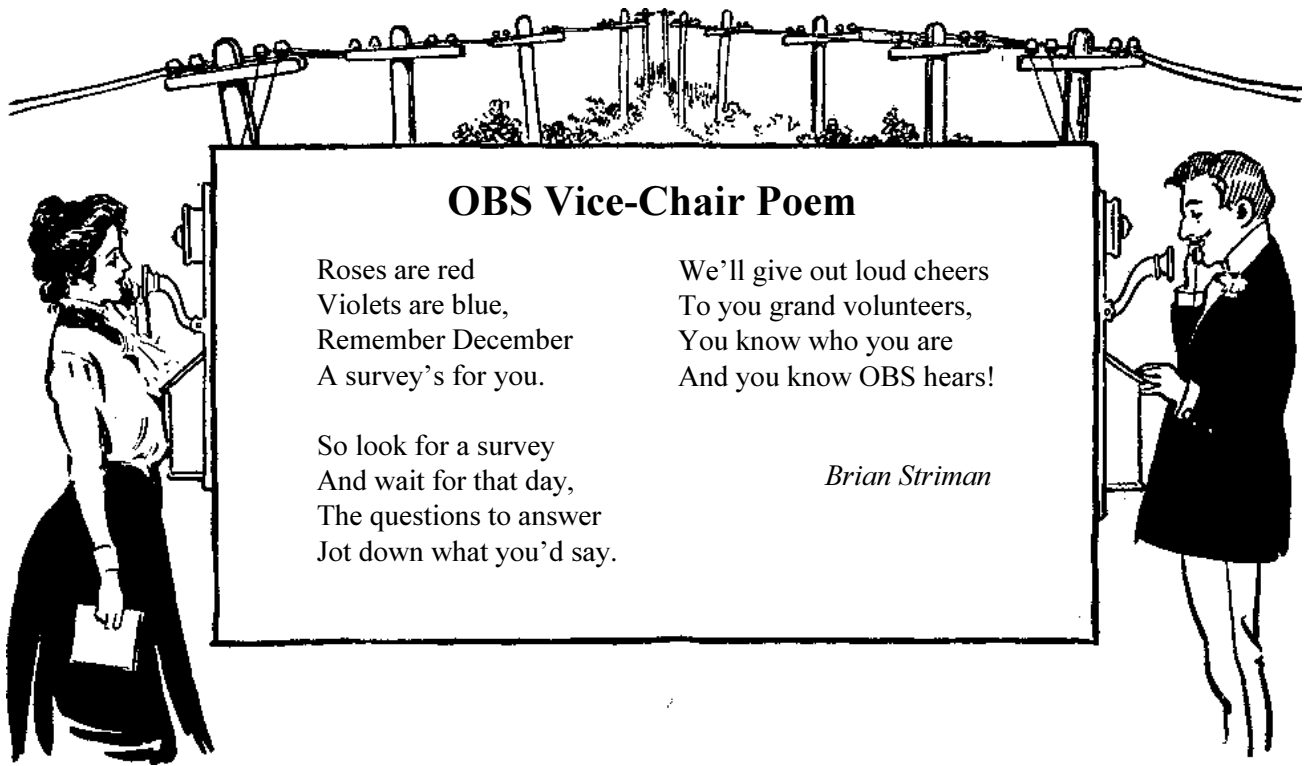
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Report of the OBS/TS Joint Research Grant Committee

The JRGC is pleased to announce the awarding of two research grants to technical services law librarians. The first grant is to LeGrande Fletcher (BYU Hunter Law Library) for \$130.00; and the second grant is to Christina Tarr (USC Law Library) for \$231.00. Both will report in next TSLJ what they are doing and what will result from the research work. This is exciting stuff, and took the work of many individuals! It also took a long time to figure out how to properly get the award monies to the recipients, but it's done now, so it should be much smoother for future grants.

The new Chair of the JRGC is Corinne Jacox (University of Orlando, Euliano Law Library). Corinne will be the new contact person for grant information. You can contact her via e-mail at <cjacox@lightening.uo.edu> or phone 407-275-2100. Continue to watch each TSLJ for JRGC activities and promotions for you to submit your application for a research grant.

Brian Striman, past JRGC Chair.



OBS Vice-Chair Poem

Roses are red
Violets are blue,
Remember December
A survey's for you.

We'll give out loud cheers
To you grand volunteers,
You know who you are
And you know OBS hears!

So look for a survey
And wait for that day,
The questions to answer
Jot down what you'd say.

Brian Striman

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