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Greetings from the President

It does not seem possible that I am now faced with the opportunity to compose the last of my four messages for the SEAALL Newsletter. It does give me a chance, however, to look backward and forward at the same time. This past year has been filled with numerous challenges for SEAALL law librarians as some of our members have had to deal with the aftermath of the tragic events which transpired in September 2001 and January 2002. May we all take comfort in knowing that there is great strength which is generated when our SEAALL membership unites in friendship and service. Let's continue to extend ourselves to our colleagues in need.

It is appropriate and proper that I acknowledge those who have been such a tremendous help to me during my tenure as your president. Throughout the years, SEAALL has been fortunate to have dedicated and inspired officers step forward to serve. This past year has been no different. I extend my heart-felt thanks and appreciation to Vice-President **Terry Long**, Treasurer **Deborah M. Jefferies**, Immediate Past-President **Cathy Lemann**, and Member at Large, **Pedro Padilla**. Special recognition and gratitude goes to those who leave our Executive Committee this year--our Secretary, **Georgiana Wellford**, and Member at Large, **Hope Breeze**. The chairs of our various committees, **Cathy Lemann**, **Steven Melamut**, **Lynn Murray**, **Billie Jo Kaufman**, **Rebekah Maxwell**, **Micheal Klepper**, **Donna Bausch**, **Elizabeth Moore**, **Terry Long**, **Maureen Eggert**, and **Connie Matzen** also have done superb work as they have guided nearly ninety SEAALL committee members. I wish to express a big thank you to my colleagues at the University of Kentucky and Louisiana State University Law Libraries for their unfailing support and encouragement.

We have a wonderful annual meeting planned for April 11-14th in Ft. Lauderdale. **Terry Long** and her Program Committee have planned a beneficial institute and a variety of worthwhile educational programs. **Billie Jo Kaufman** and her Local Arrangements Committee already have worked long and hard to make sure that our SEAALL festivities live up to the expectations of our SEAALL membership. (One of my current co-workers said that he was shocked at the magnitude of events that Billie Jo and her committee have scheduled). In addition, I would encourage each of our chapter to look forward to giving some service to the Ft. Lauderdale community after our conference ends on Saturday, April 13th. Details for this community service initiative will follow. Have a great rest of the semester. I look forward to greeting you in Ft. Lauderdale--at "Spring Break 2002: Where the Law Librarians Are."

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AND THE WINNER IS...

It may not be the Emmy's or the Golden Globes, but these winners get something a lot more useful than a statue. They are the winners of the Lucille Elliott Scholarship and will receive funds to attend the 2002, SEAALL meeting, in Fort Lauderdale. Congratulate our two newer members, Louis Acosta (Howard University Law Library) and Valerie Weis (Duke University School of Law Library) and our one continuing member, Terry Long (Virginia State Law Library). While Louis and Valerie are still deciding if they want to meet their grant requirement by volunteering on a committee or by writing an article about the meeting, Terry is already meeting her grant requirement by serving as SEAALL's Vice President/President Elect.

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Editor's Note —

This issue contains the Membership Directory, published biannually as part of the SEAALL newsletter. A special thank you to Pam Williams for pulling this together. As we start a new volume, we look forward to hearing from the membership about the newsletter. We look not just for suggestions (which are always welcome), but also for contributions. This is your newsletter, so let us know what you or others are doing in our profession.

2001-2002 Newsletter & Public Relations Committee: Micheal Klepper (University of Virginia); Lisa Smith-Butler (Nova Southeastern University); Connie Matzen (Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan—Raleigh); Clare Membiela (University of Miami); Mary Johns (Louisiana State University); Ann-Marie Berti (University of North Carolina).

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Winter	January 30, 2002
Spring	April 30, 2002
Summer	July 31, 2002
Fall	October 30, 2002

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**SEAALL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FEBRUARY 2002**

OPENING BALANCE \$50,246.33

RECEIPTS Membership Fee 1,650.00
 Reimbursement s 842.43
 Newsletter Ad 100.00
 Sponsorship — SEAALL/SWALL 500.00

Total Receipts \$3,092.43

Working Balance \$53,338.76

EXPENSES Contributions (Thomas Blackwell Scholarship) 250.00
 Liability Insurance 703.50
 Newsletter 581.00
 Postage and Delivery 265.54
 Printing & Reproduction 380.00
 Reimbursements 369.12
 SWALL Annual Meeting Percentage 2,687.56
 SEAALL Ballots 24.10

Total Expenses \$5,260.82

CLOSING BALANCE \$48,077.94

Bank of America CD \$3,200.93

Fidelity Investment \$5,259.13

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SEAALL Briefs

Compiled by Connie Matzen

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SEAALL's newest member from D.C. is **Brian L. Baker** with the David A. Clarke School of Law Library, University of the District of Columbia

FLORIDA

New SEAALL members are **Liz Chifari** with Holland & Knight's Miami office and **Ruth Fraley** of Naples.

Florida Coastal School of Law

Mary Ann Hyatt will be joining the staff at the Law Library & Technology Center on July 1st. She is currently the Assistant Librarian for Access Services at the Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington. We look forward to welcoming her to Florida Coastal, and to SEAALL!

Florida International University College of Law

The new Law Library has added three members to its staff. **Sarah Hooke Lee** has been appointed Associate Professor and founding Director of the Law Library and Information Technology. She previously served as Associate Dean for the Law Library at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. **Leanna Hillery** is the new Technical Services Librarian. She comes to FIU from the University of Miami where she was a Serial Librarian in the Law Library. Leanna received her M.I.L.S. from the University of Michigan. The new Acquisition/Serials Librarian is **Sailaja Tumrukota**. She worked at St. Thomas University as the Law Library's Access Services Coordinator, and she received her M.L.I.S. from the University of South Florida.

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GEORGIA

Georgia State University College of Law

Elizabeth Adelman with Georgia State University's College of Law Library has joined SEAALL.

Mercer Law School

John Perkins returns to SEAALL as the Reference Services Librarian at Furman Smith Law Library. Perkins previously was Senior Reference Librarian at Oklahoma City University. Welcome back, John.

LOUISIANA

Loyola University

P. Michael Whipple is the new Director of the Loyola Law Library.

On February 4, **Nancy L. Strohmeier** left Loyola to become the Head of Public Services at the University of Arkansas School of Law Library in Fayetteville. She tells us that she "will, of course, maintain my membership with SEAALL, although I will probably miss the meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. It is hard to leave this group after over sixteen years, but I will be paying up so I keep getting the newsletter. This move is just right for me at this time. Besides the obvious benefits of a change of people and location, I am getting much closer to my family. I am also buying a house so that I can finally display all of my collections. I certainly look forward to the next joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting, now that I'll be involved in it from the other side. Maybe I can get everyone to Fayetteville!"

NORTH CAROLINA

Young, Moore & Henderson, Raleigh

Carolyn Scott spoke at a North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE seminar on Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Law Firms on Dec. 14, 2001. She discussed how to create a disaster plan and her 1982 experience rebuilding a library after a law firm fire in Minnesota.

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PUERTO RICO

University of Puerto Rico Law Library

Maria M. Otero is the Interim Director of the University of Puerto Rico Law Library due to the resignation of the former director, Michael Whipple.

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina

In August 2001, Pamela Melton was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Richland County Public Library, also known as the 2001 Library Journal Library of the Year. She says that she is thoroughly enjoying her duties, even though the Board has already dealt with a few controversial issues.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Law Librarians Association

The October 2001 issue of the Virginia Lawyer featured articles by various librarians writing under the title: Research Resources for Practitioners – It's a New World. **Donna Bausch, Alyssa Altschuler, Karen King, Gloria Miccioli,** and **Roger Skalbeck** wrote about legal and non-legal resources, and provided tips for using technology.

Appalachian School of Law

In February 2001, the Appalachian School of Law received provisional accreditation. Congratulations! In addition, the law school experienced its' highest enrollment ever for the Fall 2001 semester.

Washington and Lee University Law School

The School has recently renovated its classrooms, turning five of the original (1976) six 75-80 person halls into seven smaller ones, of various sizes. The new classrooms are fully wired for audio-visual and internet capabilities. A wireless network has also been installed throughout the law school and in all public areas of the Library.

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Washington And Lee Continued

Law Library Director **Sally Wiant** went out of the country for the Fall 2001 semester. While on sabbatical in Australia, she spent time at the University of Melbourne and Monash University. She spoke to the Melbourne Librarians Association on Demystifying the American Legal System, to the Monash Library System on Copyright in the Digital Environment, and to the University of Melbourne law faculty on the Wind Done Gone case.

FREE REGISTRATION FOR 2002 AALL

Are you a newer* member to AALL? Are you planning to attend the AALL meeting in Orlando this summer, or are you hoping to attend, but not sure that you can get funding? If your answers are 'yes,' READ THIS!

The American Association of Law Libraries provides one free registration for each of the ten chapters. "It is the intent that the award is presented to Newer members of AALL...to provide an enriching and valuable experience as the member learns and networks with colleagues from across the country. The result for the Chapter and AALL is a member who support and participates in her or his professional association...."

If you are a "Newer" AALL member and are ready to network, consider applying for the free registration. The form is provided in this article, and will be sent as an attachment to all those on the SEAALL-L listerv. The deadline is April 1, 2002 (no fooling). Contact Maureen Eggert (336-758-5072; meggert@law.wfu.edu) with any questions.

For the purpose of determining the recipient of the free registration, a "newer" member is one who has been a AALL member for less than **five years. Preference will be given to those applicants who have been a member of AALL for **three** years or less.*

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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES APPLICATION FOR FREE AALL REGISTRATION 2002

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____

3. Telephone; E-mail: _____
4. How long have you been a SEAALL member? _____
5. How long have you been an AALL member? _____
6. If you do not receive the registration:
 You will still attend
 You will still attend, but will have to cover the cost of registration.
 You may not be able to attend.
 You will definitely not be able to attend.
7. Briefly state your library's policy relating to reimbursement of travel expenses to conferences/conventions.

8. Please list (attach an additional sheet if necessary) previous SEAALL and AALL meetings attended.
Conference(s): _____
Location(s) _____
Year(s): _____
9. Have you ever received a free AALL registration through another regional organization?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Either by enclosing a resume or on a separate sheet, please provide:
 - a. Present place of employment, job title and starting date.
 - b. Last two positions, employer and length of service.
 - c. Any participation in/service to the profession.

Please read and sign the following:

If the correct answers to any of the above questions change materially after submission of this application, I shall notify the Chair of the Scholarship Committee within 48 hours.

If, for any reason, I cannot attend the AALL meeting, I will return the money, within 48 hours, to the SEAALL Treasurer, who will notify the Scholarship Committee.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please mail (faxes or e-mails are not acceptable) the completed application, postmarked by **APRIL 1, 2002** to:

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Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7206

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Scholarship Grant Brings Woman to Tears and Other Interesting Lucille Elliot Scholarship Stories: The Early Years

In the last newsletter I told how receiving the Lucille Elliot scholarship had benefited me. I also asked to hear from other recipients so I could share their recollections in a newsletter article. Initially, only one former recipient responded to my plea to share (thank you Janice), but once I started making phone calls to former recipients, the information came pouring in. People have remarkable memories about all the great things that their scholarship(s) (yes, there are people who have received two, even three scholarships) allowed them to take part in. For persons who deal in the written word, we are a verbal lot. Now I have MORE information than I can fit into one article. What a wonderful dilemma! I have decided to start with the responses from our earliest recipients (Connie, Karin & other long time SEAALLers –good news. In the past few years the designation “old members” has been replaced with “continuing members.” Much better, yes?) The many other stories will follow at a later date.

Connie Matzen (Smith, Andeson Blunt, Dorseh, Mitchel & Jernigan) has been a grant recipient THREE times, first in 1983, then in 1990 and, most recently, in 1996. This is rather a unique occurrence and Connie laughingly says that she can never apply again. However, once you take a look at how Connie used her grants, no one can argue that SEAALL did not get its moneys worth from her.

Connie received her first grant early in her career, and while she was only a part-time employee. At the time, her firm was not a regional firm and rarely, if ever, sent employees to any conference out of state. Despite this, Connie really wanted to attend the AALL meeting in Huston so she asked her employer if she could go. While her employer was picking his chin up off his desk, Connie quickly said that she thought that she could get a scholarship, and if she did, would the firm support her? Her employer agreed, Connie received her grant and the new, part-time law librarian was on her way to Huston.

Connie received a second grant as a continuing member and then applied for her third grant, 6 years later, when she was elected Secretary of SEAALL. As secretary from 1996-1998, Connie needed to attend both the SEAALL and AALL annual meeting for two years in a row. With the assistance of her grant this former promising “newbie” was able to support SEAALL activities as one of its officers.

Currently the *SEAALL Briefs* editor, Connie has a long history of service to SEAALL. She bubbled over with wonderful ideas for both this article and for how to publicize the Scholarship. She also mentioned, that of all her activities, that one that was the most “fun and exciting” was serving on the 1994 local arrangements committee for the annual meeting in North Carolina. I hope that this gives a boost to those slaving away for Fort Lauderdale. Just think, in a few years you may be looking back on this time as “fun and exciting.”

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When asked if she remembered the conference she had used her 1989 grant to attend Karin Den Bleyker remembered it as one of the best. When asked why it was so good, she quickly responded “great food and wine.” Then Karin got serious and sent the following recap of how she used her 1989 grant.

“...and what did you do in October of 1989?” Oh, that’s easy. I attended a conference in Austin, Texas. Conference on the Global Responsibility of Law Librarians: Global Access to Legal Information. It’s a mouthful, but the conference lived up to its name. Other than our recent annual meeting in Puerto Rico, the Austin conference was the best Law Librarian related conference I have ever attended, thanks to a scholarship from SEAALL.

Rob Brian’s... contribution to sharing legal information “down under” was to supply legal material to remote areas.... The Australian navy provided an excellent mode of transportation. No need to worry about bulky boxes or heavy crates, the navy would drop the material off at the designated ports of call. I also remember my conversations with Adolf Sprudz. ...We were both born in Hanseatic cities and that made for a great starting point to talk about the laws of the Hanseatic League and how they influenced laws along the trading routes. And, of course, we couldn’t forget to swap stories about the Napoleonic occupation most of Europe and how the enforcement of the Code Napoleon has left heavy traces in the law codex of many European countries. ...Dr. Alexanderson, Director of the Parliamentary Library of Sweden, gave an excellent overview of the state legal material collections in the Scandinavian countries. The panel discussions focused on barriers in disseminating legal information, [how to] overcome the barriers, and what needs to be done to preserve what is available.

All, of course was not serious legal discussions. The entertainment and the food were just great, except for the tortilla soup. It was spicier than I expected, and I embarrassed myself by coughing and crying into my soup!

The good news is that Karin survived the tortilla soup, and went on to serve on the Program (’93), Education (’95) and Government Relations (1996) committees for SEAALL.

The SEAALL Executive Board and Program Committee along with the Local Arrangements Committee invite you to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for the 2002 Annual Meeting of SEAALL, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, from April 10 - 14, 2002.

Fort Lauderdale is an exciting city with many activities, including swimming, boating, snorkeling, theater, dining, and shopping. A beautiful beach offers the opportunity to swim or walk. Take a water taxi to Las Olas and spend the evening strolling among boutiques and restaurants. Cruise the intercoastal or browse shops at Riverwalk or Galleria Mall.

The Conference Hotel is the DoubleTree Hotel. The balconies overlook the intercoastal waterway while the beach is just minutes away. Shopping is nearby while an excursion to Sawgrass Mills Outlet Mall is also possible.

The Opening Reception will be held on the Caprice Yacht. Anchored just steps from the DoubleTree Hotel, the yacht will cruise Fort Lauderdale's intercoastal waterways. Friday evening will include dinner and a show at the Polynesian Mai-Kai.

The Program Committee has selected interesting and helpful programs. The pre-conference Institute, *The Invisible Web*, features Diana Botluk who will address the issues of effective legal research on the Internet and demonstrate the vital role that technology has come to play in libraries. The conference will offer programs on numerous topics, including the *Everglades*, *Immigration Law*, *Training Student Employees*, *OPAC Migration Issues*, *Copyright*, *Technical Services Workflow*, and *Foreign and International Legal Research*.

Registration packets will be mailed soon. The web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/index.shtml> will be updated often. Please plan on joining us!

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