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## KEN'S PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

**Ken Hirsh**, President



### **Who are we? Who we are. Who do we wish to be?**

It is my honor and pleasure to write this, my first column as SEAALL president. I will strive to meet your expectations in this new program year. I am looking forward to an exciting year; one in which the organizational structure can work to better meet the needs of our members; and one in which each of you feels empowered as a member to participate to the limits of your ability to do so. Together we shall accomplish great things.

At our annual meeting, we typically have 200 – 240 members in attendance. This figure fluctuates from year to year. Attendance figures are affected by several factors; among them are the location of the meeting and availability of transportation; the state of a member institution's or individual

member's finances; the relevance of the programming to each member; conflicting schedule obligations for a given member; and, no doubt, others I have not listed. So, at any annual meeting you attend, you have the opportunity to meet approximately one-third of our membership, which currently stands at 623.

Just as you would see at an annual meeting, if you were to peruse the membership list, you would see a diverse group. Men and women, varied racial and ethnic backgrounds, and different work environments. Perhaps you'd like more detailed information about us. First, where are our members? Alabama (44), Mississippi (13), Georgia (71), Florida (103), South Carolina (25), North Carolina (88), Virginia (72), Washington, D.C. (33), West Virginia (6), Kentucky (43), Tennessee (25), and Puerto Rico (26). We have several members from outside the region as well.

We work for law firms (101), law schools (426), court and governmental agencies (64) and other institutions. We have a few student members.

So far I've asked and answered two of the title questions in this column. The third requires your input: "Who do we want to be?" An organization is the weighted sum



total of its membership. What I mean by that sentence, is that an organization carries the qualities and characteristics its members choose to give it by their active participation. It gives back to members the resources the other members contribute to it. Organization leadership can – and should – help guide the organization’s efforts. Members pick and choose how to spend the finite amount of time they can devote to organizational efforts.

As you might guess from the above description of SEALL, with such a varied membership, our members share some common needs from their professional association, and some need something different or unique. So, this year I’d like to focus on meeting those needs. For some time our executive boards have been gathering information in preparation for strategic planning. This year we will move forward with a strategic planning initiative. I will appoint a special committee on strategic planning in late June. If you are interested in serving, or would like to suggest the name of another, please contact me at [ken@law.duke.edu](mailto:ken@law.duke.edu). If you have suggestions for the committee’s charge, I’d like to hear that as well. The strategic plan is document that will set forth “Who we want to be.” As I said, together we will do great things.

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I will put on my former hat as chair of last year’s program committee to acknowledge the assistance of key people

whose efforts made the meeting in Baton Rouge a success. Charlene Cain and Randy Thompson headed an outstanding effort by the local arrangements committee. Tim Coggins organized a terrific institute. Jim Heller and Sally Wiant put in extra effort organizing several great programs. Jim’s work included setting up the blues performance on Saturday morning. Thanks again to all of you.





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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### American University

**John A. Smith** has joined the library faculty at the Pence Law Library, Washington College of Law, American University as Access Services Librarian. Smith graduated from Catholic University School of Library and Information Science in 2006. John was formerly the Serials and Technical Systems Coordinator at the Pence Law Library.

**Ripple L. Weistling** has also joined the library faculty of the Pence Law Library as Reference and Electronic Services Librarian. Weistling graduated from Catholic University School of Library and Information Science in May 2007 and formerly worked as an attorney specializing in environmental law.

### FLORIDA

#### Florida A&M University Law Library

**Grace M. Mills**, Florida A&M University, College of Law, visited Beijing, Guilan and Shanghai during her trip to China this past November 11-18, 2006. She was a professional delegate for the U.S.-China Joint Education Conference held in Beijing

co-sponsored by People to People Ambassador Program and China Education Association for International Exchange. In addition to the scheduled visits to several Chinese educational institutions and landmarks Grace had the opportunity to visit the China University of Political Science and Law. She met Professors Yang Yuguan and Zeng Er-Shu and Officers Li Chi and Tang Yan to discuss the similarities and differences in Chinese and American academic law libraries. While there Grace also visited their law library facility and several Beijing landmarks. Professor Frank Y. Liu, of Duquesne, graciously facilitated these professional law meetings. Grace now has a Chinese name given to her by her Chinese law colleagues.

#### **Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library & Technology Center**

**Meg Kribble**, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, submitted an entry, Day in the Second Life, to the **AALL Day in the Life** photo contest. In this photo, NSU law librarians are busy building a virtual library on the island of Cybrary City II in the Second Life Info Archipelago. Meg's entry placed first in the category of **Librarians as Trailblazers in New Technology**.



## GEORGIA

Georgia State University College of Law Library

**Ronald Wheeler**, Georgia State University College of Law Library submitted an entry, "Professor Nancy Johnson makes use of electronic polling technology to quiz her Advanced Legal Research class and show that administrative regulations can be fun" in the **AALL Day in the Life** contest. Ron's photo placed second in the **Librarians as Teachers and Trainers** category.

## LOUISIANA

### Southern University Law Center

**Carol Avery Nicholson**, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; **Ruth Johnson Hill**, Director of Library Services and Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center; and **Vicente Garces**, Reference & Collection Development Librarian, University of Minnesota Law Library have authored *Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in AALL*. The book is no. 71 in the AALL Publication Series, published by Hein, and features profiles of 32 minority law librarians along with survey responses from nearly 200 AALL minority librarians detailed in chapters 5-6 of the book. Please note - all royalties for this publication will be contributed to the AALL & Thomson/West George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment Fund.

## MISSISSIPPI

### Mississippi College School of Law

The law library will undergo renovations of the second and third floor this summer. All departments and a core collection of law titles have been moved to the first floor of the library. Hopefully, this will enable the staff and administration to support the summer curriculum and the research needs of the local legal community. Regular public services and interlibrary loan service will resume at the end of August.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Duke University Law Library

Duke University Law Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lauren Collins** to the position of Reference Librarian. Lauren began her new position on March 1, 2007. Lauren earned her M.L.S. from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She comes to Duke with experience in both law practice and professional law librarianship. Most recently, she served as Public Services Librarian/Instructional Services at WayneState University's Arthur Neef Law Library. Lauren will supervise the law library's Faculty Research Assistants Program in addition to teaching, faculty liaison and other reference services responsibilities.



## University of North Carolina

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**Nick Sexton**, a reference librarian at the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has started a book review blog called The Random Reader. According to a description on its site, the blog will feature reviews "that cover an array of books, from all species of fiction and nonfiction, with publishing dates that range from ancient to modern." The address for the blog is <http://legalread.blogspot.com>.

**Anne Klinefelter** has been announced as the new Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Currently the Interim Director and Associate Director

of the Law Library and Clinical Professor of Law at UNC, Anne is expected to move into the new position mid summer.

Two new reference librarians are joining the staff at UNC-CH. These librarians fill vacancies created last fall when **Teresa Stanton** moved to Berkeley as Foreign and Comparative Law Librarian and **Megan Garton** left to become Evening Reference Librarian at Tulane.

**Nikki Perry** comes to UNC late in May to take on the role of Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian. In addition to providing reference services, faculty liaison services, and teaching Advanced Legal Research, Nikki will evaluate electronic research tools and coordinate instruction in using those tools. She will also have primary responsibility for the content of the Law Library website. Nikki comes from North Carolina Central Law Library where she has been Reference Instructional Librarian since January of 2005. Nikki taught Legal Bibliography for five years and Advanced Legal Writing for three years at NCCU School of Law and served as the school's Director of Academic Support for over ten years.

**Julie Kimbrough** joins UNC in July as Reference/Faculty Services Librarian and will manage the library's Faculty Research Service in addition to providing reference services, faculty liaison services, and participating in the teaching of Advanced Legal Research. Julie comes to the Law Library of Congress where she has been a Legal Reference Specialist since June of 2004.

Julie managed the Law Library of Congress government documents collection and has experience developing and managing a documents digitization project. Julie is a familiar face in the UNC Law Library since she served as the library's graduate assistant during 2003-04.

Upon Julie's arrival, **Jim Sherwood** will begin to shift his focus from managing the Faculty Research Service to develop an expertise in foreign and international law and legal research, taking on the role of Reference/Foreign and International Law Librarian.





## Conference 2007: A SEAALL of Approval

**Rob Hudson** , Reference & Instructional Services Librarian

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library & Technology Center

The Annual SEAAL Conference in Baton Rouge delivered what it promised: an opportunity to learn and have fun in Louisiana. For a first timer like me, this SEAALL Conference was notable for the nice size and organization (hats off to the local organizers BRAALL & NOALL). It was easy to register and find my way around the conference hotel. One notable feature of the conference hall & hotel is that it was an old brick railroad depot nicely converted into a Sheraton with huge glass atrium roofing; very impressive lighting in the hall and very comfortable. The conference hotel was just next to the Mississippi, and a little river boat was moored there for some quick gambling.

The Plenary sessions were interesting and the speakers engaging. I attended several of the sessions, covering subjects like 'setting up a library internship' and 'reinventing technical services.' I liked the manageable size of the presentation rooms. The bright yellow conference bag was definitely an eye catcher.

My conference highlight was the Friday night dinner at the Rural Life Museum just a few miles south of the conference hotel. Cajun food and music were served in the gorgeous outdoor area of the museum surrounded by folk art, trees, and historic buildings.

I'm looking forward to SEAALL next year in Virginia.



## FROM THE EDITOR

As always, I'm looking for articles, photos, suggestions, and feedback. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed. Let us know what you'd like for the upcoming year. Join! Submit articles and photos. Share interesting projects and ideas from your library and your librarians. This is our newsletter so help make it count.

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## Notes from a Newbie

**Katherine Brown**, Faculty & Student Services Librarian, St. Thomas University School of Law Library

*Now and again thousands of memories converge, harmonize, arrange themselves around a central idea in a coherent form, and I write a story.*

Katherine Anne Porter

Katherine Anne Porter, the writer, called Baton Rouge Louisiana her home for a period of time in her youth. Therefore, when I returned from the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference with my mind filled with experiences and memories I took her advice. My story about the 2007 SEALL conference begins prior to the conference because like any good story you need a little exposition to understand the context of the story before you can get into the meat of the work.

Hello, my name is Kathleen Brown, but I prefer Katie. I am a newbie librarian who moved across the United States from Seattle, Washington to Miami, Florida for my first librarian position. Last year, while in library school, I attended the AALL annual conference in St. Louis so I knew a little bit of what to expect at a librarian conference. Like most librarians, I am a planner by nature so a few weeks prior to the conference I began looking at the program for the conference and working out which sessions

I wanted to attend. I also took advantage of the request for volunteers that was sent to my inbox and signed up to work a few hours at the registration desk.

As the conference drew near, a touch of doubt spread into my thoughts. I began to wonder if the sessions would be over my head, that I may not get the opportunity to become friends with the other law librarians, or if I was going to snore so loud that my roommate would be forced to get a new room. I am very pleased to report that although these small doubts existed in my mind that none of them came to pass in reality. The day of the conference arrived and began very early in the morning with a 6AM flight out of Florida. From the moment I arrived in Baton Rouge, I began to meet my fellow law librarians. I was absolutely thrilled to discover how open and welcoming the members of SEALL are to new librarians. The conversations that I had with librarians, speakers, and vendors during the three days of the conference were all incredibly diverse and illuminating.

I arrived to the hotel early on April 12<sup>th</sup> and took advantage of the free time, eating lunch with the Associate director of St. Thomas Law Library Sonia Luna-Lomas and Amy Osborn the new SEALL Vice President, who I had met an hour earlier in the shuttle from the airport to the hotel. After lunch, Sonia and I explored downtown Baton Rouge. After only walking a few blocks, we began to understand and respect the slow pace of Louisiana as we enjoyed a cool breeze and discussed the stunning architecture of

both the historical buildings and new construction.

Upon my return to the hotel, I joined up with some other librarians and participated in the two law library tours at the Southern University Law Center Library and the Louisiana State University Law Center Library. As a new member of law librarian profession, my exposure to different law libraries up to this point has been limited to the law library where I attended law school and my current place of employment. I derived a great deal of pleasure from seeing how other law libraries are arranged, how the staff handle food, drinks and student printing in the library, and having the opportunity to ask questions about enticing students to attend research refresher sessions. I came away from the tours with a number of ideas and some new acquaintances.

The Opening Reception that evening was in the new Baton Rouge Art Museum. The event appeared to me to be a huge success and I heard several groups of people, "oohing" and "ahhing" over both the art work and the food. I was informed by several of the locals that food is a huge part of the Baton Rouge experience. I must commend the coordinators of conference for allowing the attendee the opportunity to experience the many flavors of Louisiana. Personally, I took advantage of the opportunity to eat grits. Being able to eat one of my favorite southern dishes all weekend was a huge treat.

The conference learning sessions were also a splendid treat for me. Many of the



discussions and presentations were directly on point to projects at the St. Thomas law library. The handouts I received at these sessions have proven quite useful. In fact, several of the documents in the packet for the internship session, provided me with an excellent framework to create my own work product for our new intern.

Music played an important role in the conference experience. The members of SEAALL on more than one occasion found themselves delighted by the skillfulness and artistry of the Louisiana musicians. A story of my SEAALL experience would be incomplete without a few words about working at the registration desk. I always enjoy working registration at conferences because it furnishes me with the opportunity to place a name to a face when I register members or speakers for the conference. Working registration at the SEALL conference also provided me with another opportunity to sit down and talk to several of the local Louisiana law librarians and in a surprising turn of events allowed me to "refresh" my knitting skills.

Overall, my first SEAALL conference

was a great success. I was able to explore new law libraries, learn and take home valuable insight, become educated on key law library topics, taste some local cuisine, hear some excellent music, and gather the motivation and drive to try to knit my mother a scarf. Yet, the experiences I will cherish most from the conference are the many times I was able to sitting down and talk with positive, exciting and encouraging law librarians from the Southeastern chapter of AALL. I truly believe that none of us will soon forget the laughter that we all shared in Baton Rouge when we were among our Law Librarian friends.



# SEAALL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Financial Statement April 2006 - March 2007

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$106,632.68</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
2006 SEAALL Annual Meeting	\$2,910.32	
2007 SEAALL Annual Meeting		
Exhibit Fee	\$1,200.00	
Extra Tickets, Meal Events	\$ 610.00	
Institute	\$1,510.00	
Registration	\$20,915.00	
Sponsorships	\$16,350.00	
Total 2007 Annual Meeting	\$40, 585.00	
Donations		
2005-2006 Hurrican Relief Fund	\$ 5.00	
Total Donations	\$ 5.00	
Membership Dues (2006-2007)		
Associate	\$ 340.00	
Individual	\$ 1,840.00	
Institutional	\$ 9,480.00	
Student	\$ 140.00	
Total Membership Dues	\$ 11,800.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$55,300.32</b>	
<b>Working Balance</b>		<b>\$161,933.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
2005 AALL Annual Meeting	\$ 635.00	
2006 Annual Meeting		
Reception & Meeting Rooms	\$ 3,477.92	
Reimbursements	\$ 107.73	
	\$ 3,585.65	
2006 SEAALL Annual Meeting		
Barbeque--Moore Square	\$ 6,682.72	
Conference Hotel-Sheraton Raleigh	\$24,863.38	
General Reimbursements	\$ 636.00	
Honoraria	\$ 600.00	
Programs	\$ 1,916.83	
Reception Museum	\$ 7,783.48	
Speaker Expenses	\$ 3,140.38	
Total 2006 Annual Meeting	\$45,622.85	

**SEAALL Financial Statement**  
**April 2006 - March 2007**

**Expenses**

2007 SEAALL Annual Meeting (hotel & events deposits)	\$ 4,686.99
Bank Service Charges (deposit slips, returned check fee)	\$ 9.00
Chapter Liability Insurance	\$ 576.00
Community Service Gift Certificates	\$ 100.00
Contributions	
George A. Strait Minority Scholarship fund	\$1,500.00
Other (AALL scholarship, hurricane damaged lib.)	\$7,489.10
Total Contributions	\$8,989.10
Florida Non-Profit Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 61.25
Office Supplies	\$ 28.34
Postage (dues notices)	\$ 111.69
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 36.25
Reimbursements	
Pam Deemer (gavel and engraving)	\$ 47.95
Anne Klinefelter (retiring President gift)	\$ 84.53
Stetson College of Law (refund of overpayment)	\$ 20.00
University of Richmond Law Library (bylaws mailing)	\$ 448.86
Total Reimbursements	\$ 60.34
Scholarships and Grants	\$ 2,200.00
Lucille Elliott Scholarships	\$ 2,955.00
Total Scholarships and Grants	\$ 5,155.00
Tax Form Preparation	\$ 435.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,634.46</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$91,289.54</b>
Investments	
<b>Bank of America CD</b>	
Interest Income	\$ 66.84
Current Value	<b>\$ 3,441.79</b>
<b>Fidelity Investments</b>	
Investment Income	\$ 255.93
Current Value	<b>\$ 5,921.18</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$100,661.51</b>

Note on the net operating loss. While partly due to timing of income and expenditures, it is also attributed to increased spending for meeting events (AALL and Annual Meeting), the large amount of contributions to other organizations (AALL, hurricane damaged libraries), and a relatively lower income from the 2007 annual meeting.



## **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2007: HOW IT ALL CAME TOGETHER @ THE NSU LAW LIBRARY!**

— **Mary Paige Smith**, Associate Director for Technical Services, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Law Library and Technology Center

In the past, the NSU Law Library and Technology Center's National Library Week activities have been limited to mounting a themed display at the entrance to the library, or perhaps putting out NLW bookmarks for our students and faculty. This year, we decided to kick the activities up a notch by inviting the students, faculty and staff to participate. This year's theme, "Come Together @ Your Library", provided the perfect opportunity for us to make the library a little more interesting and inviting to our users, while highlighting our library staff and the services we provide.

### **Planning**

Our preparations began about a month before NLW. To involve the faculty and staff, and to create some NLW "buzz", we sent an email to faculty and staff, asking them to name their favorite book, and to tell us briefly why. We got several responses right away. The next week, we sent out a reminder email, and got even more responses. Our director, Lisa Smith-Butler, then mounted a display featuring the book jacket art from everyone's picks.

Next year, we are planning to create READ posters for NLW and we plan to make it an annual event hereafter.

### **Give-aways**

Food is always a good way to attract people, so we aimed for the sweet tooth by setting out bowls of chocolates and other candies on the Circulation and Reference desks. The plan was to provide a different candy each day of the week. The treats proved so popular, however, that our first day's supply was almost gone after the first few hours. It was clear that our students didn't care so much about variety as quantity! We were pleased to note that the wrappers did not all end up on the library floors, and no chocolate fingerprints were found on library materials!

In researching what other law libraries had done for previous NLWs, we found that at least one library decided to provide disposable earplugs. Since we have been putting out containers of these every day for over a year, we couldn't tout this as a special NLW benefit. Instead, we put the earplugs, which are bright green and individually wrapped, in special clear bowls. This made them easier to spot from a distance, and also helped distinguish them from the candy!

### **Contests and prizes**

In addition to creature comforts, we wanted to offer our library users some fun activities. We decided to have a contest each day; prizes for the winners were \$25 gift cards to local merchants like Starbucks and Barnes & Noble. All participants in the daily



contests were automatically entered into a “grand finale” drawing for an Apple IPOD® Nano. We advertised these contests via email messages, and posted the contest rules on our library website. We also created flyers and distributed them around the library and the Law Center. Each day, we put copies of the daily contest on the Circulation Desk, as well as on the console in the Law Center atrium (with more candy as a lure!). Participants were instructed to return completed contests to a box on the Circulation Desk.

For our daily contests, we used a crossword puzzle featuring our full-time faculty; a couple of word search puzzles, one using the names of our library staff, and the other using legal abbreviations; and a trivia quiz based on materials in our Law and Popular Culture collection. I created the puzzles using the [DiscoverySchool's Puzzlemaker](#) website. For a change of pace, we also included a “stump the librarians” contest. Faculty, staff and students were invited to submit their law-related questions to our email reference address, and we promised to answer the questions correctly by the following day. As it happened, nobody was able to stump us, so we awarded the daily prize to the most creative question. How did it all come together?

Participation was rather light, which we had expected, since we had never done anything like this before. The timing of NLW is also problematic for academic libraries, coming as it does so close to the end of the semester and the beginning of final exams. We did get some participation every day, and we were surprised that the contest with the

largest number of participants was the library staff word search!

We received positive feedback about our NLW activities from several students and faculty, and we know that many of them enjoyed the candy! We plan to encourage more participation next year by doing our advertising earlier, more often, and more widely. We think the READ® posters will prove popular, so we are planning to showcase faculty and staff reading picks throughout the month of April, with a reception to honor the inaugural group.

I hope this description of our efforts to celebrate National Library Week has inspired you to consider doing something similar at your library. It takes a little money and a little more effort, but the publicity and good will it generates make it well worth the expenditures!

### **Have you checked out...?**

**CyberOne: Law in the Court of Public Opinion** at <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/cyberone/>

**del.icio.us** at <http://del.icio.us/>

**digg** at <http://digg.com/>

**flickr** at <http://flickr.com/>

**Google Doc & Spreadsheets** at <http://www.google.com/>

**LawLib Wiki** at [http://www.editthis.info/lawlibrary/Main\\_Page](http://www.editthis.info/lawlibrary/Main_Page)

**Ms. Dewey** at <http://www.msdewey.com/>

**Openomy** at <http://openomy.com/>

**Remember the Milk** at <http://www.rememberthemilk.com/>



## **Service to SEAALL Award 2007 Awarded to Nancy P. Johnson**

By **Rhea Ballard-Thrower**, Howard University & **Lisa Smith-Butler**, Nova Southeastern University

Since 1984, Nancy P. Johnson, Law Librarian and Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law Library, has been a SEAALL member. As her activities on behalf of SEAALL demonstrate, she embodies service. She has served SEAALL in numerous capacities, working on virtually all of its committees over the years. In the late 1980s, she served as COSELL's President. In 2000, she co-chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the SEAALL Atlanta meeting while following up to chair the Scholarship Committee in 2001. In 2002, she was elected as Vice President/President Elect and then served her term as President in 2003.

Her activities extend beyond the reach of SEAALL. In addition to working with the local Atlanta Association of Law Libraries in many capacities, she has also worked at the national level with AALL, including serving as a member of its Executive Board from 1996-1999.

Since 1986, Nancy has been the Director of the Georgia State University College of Law Library. She began work at the GSU library in 1982 while she simultaneously began completion of her J.D. degree. Before coming to GSU and Atlanta, she worked in the University of Chicago Law Library and the University of Illinois Law Library, working in the Reference areas in those libraries.

In addition to receiving her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law, Nancy received her M.L.S. from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science and her B.A. from Marycrest College. She has authored many articles, chapters and books as well as CALI lessons. Her ever popular, *WINNING LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS*, has been used by law students for well over a decade to hone their research skills while librarians routinely rely upon her *SOURCES OF COMPILED LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES*.

When Nancy received her award, she commented: "volunteering for SEAALL is so much fun because of the great people in the chapter. My service to SEAALL has never felt like work. I feel like I have received a great deal more from SEAALL than I have given to the chapter." It is this comment that embodies the Service to SEAALL and Nancy Johnson's commitment to the field of law librarianship.





## Are You 2.0?

by Meg Kribble, Reference Librarian, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center

Ever since Tim O'Reilly coined it in 2004, Web 2.0 has been one of the hottest buzzwords around. So what is Web 2.0? And, more importantly, what can it do for law libraries?

If you ask ten people what Web 2.0 is, you'll likely get ten different answers, including a few confused looks. The numerical suffix makes it sound as if a new version of the web was released like a major software upgrade. However, for the most part, Web 2.0 simply uses the existing architecture of the Internet to build on the web's potential for enabling communication, collaboration, and user-created content. Blogs, wikis, social bookmarking and social networking sites, online word processors and databases, and sites that allow users to tag content are all Web 2.0. All of these services use the web as their platform; there is no software required beyond a web browser.

Although many people defining Web 2.0 would say that it's more about state of mind than a specific technology, there are a few technical terms you'll hear in conjunction with 2.0. Asynchronous JavaScript And XML (AJAX) is a blend of several technologies that allows browsers to dynamically update small portions of a webpage, so the entire page doesn't have to reload when a user makes a change. Gmail and Flickr both use AJAX. Application Programming Interface (API) is

a key bit of code essential to mashups, which are applications that combine data from two or more sources. The API key of Google Maps is the most popular, because displaying data geographically is so useful. Kate Boyle of Illinois' Metropolitan Library System used it to visualize the MLS interlibrary loan statistics.<sup>1</sup> Finally, Really Simple Syndication (RSS) is the tool that makes it possible for blogs, news services, and any other regularly updated websites to push new content to subscribers. If you use Bloglines or Google Reader, you're using RSS.

Web 2.0 applications are known for being in "perpetual beta," no matter how long they've been around. In the world of Web 2.0, beta doesn't mean "not ready for prime time," rather it signifies that the service or application is being continually improved.

Communication, collaboration, content, continuous improvement. Web 2.0 sounds like it's right up our professional alley. Many libraries and librarians have embraced Web 2.0 so much that they've created a new buzzword: search for "Library 2.0," on Google, and you'll get nearly a million hits. Law libraries and librarians have been blogging for years. How else are they being 2.0? Here's a quick overview of some Law Library 2.0 projects to give you a taste:

### **Civil Law Dictionary Project wiki**

For practitioners and researchers used to common law, working with civil law concepts can be challenging. Vicenç Feliú, Foreign, Comparative and International Law



Librarian at Louisiana State University, seeks to make it easier by enabling librarians, researchers, and practitioners to share their understanding through a wiki. The Civil Law Dictionary Project wiki uses the free wiki service, pbwiki.com. Feliú began by posting terms from a 1994 glossary article. Participants—who must be approved—can then edit and update existing entries, and create new ones. (<http://civillawdictionary.pbwiki.com/>)

### **The del.icio.us Law Library**

Because they can be classified with multiple tags, social bookmarking sites like del.icio.us and furl.net are a great way of sharing new articles and resources in specific subject areas. Because these services use RSS feeds, you can use a blog reader to subscribe to accounts. A firm librarian could use del.icio.us to tag new content she comes across, making sure that lawyers in different practice areas are subscribed to the feeds for the appropriate tags on her del.icio.us account. The RSS feeds can also be mixed into a regular blog. Nicole Engard, technologist at the Jenkins Law Library, future librarian, and *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker for 2007, posts her new del.icio.us links to her blog almost daily. (<http://del.icio.us/nengard>)

### **GovDoc Covers pool on Flickr—and YouTube!**

Seen any good government documents publications lately? Daniel Cornwall, Government Publications/Technical Services Librarian at the Alaska State Library, has. He created a Flickr pool, a tool for

people to share pictures on a similar theme, to show off the good, the bad, the ugly, and the just plain hilarious in government documents titles. He then uses pictures posted in the pool to create themed “Documents on Parade” videos, which he shares on YouTube. (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/govdoccovers/>) and (<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=AlaskanLibrarian>)

### **UB Law Library @ MySpace**

The Millennial generation is known for shunning email in favor of IM and social networking. Harvey Morrell, Assistant Director for IT and Reference Librarian at the University of Baltimore Law Library, is reaching out to students with a law library page on MySpace. In addition to links to the library catalog, regular blog, and del.icio.us bookmarks, Morrell uses MySpace’s blog function to link to study tips, articles about student debt, a FAQ about using exam software, and other interesting items that students might otherwise miss. (<http://myspace.com/ublawlibrary>)

Are you constantly thinking of ways to use new web-based tools to communicate and interact with your patrons and to help them communicate with each other? You may be a Librarian 2.0. If you’re interested, create a profile on the new Library 2.0 network at <http://library20.ning.com/> to connect with other 1400 librarians who are fascinated by the possibilities of Web and Library 2.0.

(Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> See [http://www.mls.lib.il.us/enounce/2007/01\\_03/resourcesharing.asp](http://www.mls.lib.il.us/enounce/2007/01_03/resourcesharing.asp)



## From “Dueling Banjos” to Harmonious Singing: The SEAALL Institute on Law Librarians & Technologists

by **Meg Kribble**, Reference Librarian, Nova Southeastern University

Oil and water. Matter and anti-matter. Law librarians and legal technologists? Attendees of the pre-conference SEAALL Institute learned that this relationship need not be compared to either the staunchly segregated nor the dangerously explosive.

The day began with a talk by Pablo Molina, Georgetown Law’s Chief Information Officer, who was full of creative and practical ideas for librarian-technologist collaboration. At Georgetown, they serve together on the university’s Systems Management Council and the Campus Web Group. They also share presentation duties at annual faculty and staff technology retreats. Molina’s most intriguing idea was Georgetown Law’s transformation of the help desk in a back office to a prominent technology reference desk, where students receive instruction on dealing with their tech problems as part of their educational experience.

Tom Bruce and Lori Martin played a recording of “Dueling Banjos” to introduce their session. Warning us that they planned to be provocative, they discussed librarians’ top five complaints about technologists and technologists’ top five complaints about librarians.

Complaints about Librarians:

1. they undervalue process;
2. they won’t experiment (dismissing not-fully-developed and open source technology);
3. they demand resources without planning or notice;
4. having been a subordinated profession, they are looking for someone to subordinate;
5. bundle of complaints common to all users seeming worse because more is expected of them (i.e., librarians should be more competent than average users).

Complaints about Technologists:

1. they believe that end users can’t do anything right;
2. they inconvenience people for no reason (server shutdowns and upgrades are cruel, psychological experiments);
3. they hide;
4. they want us to be self reliant, but won’t explain things;
5. they horde all the good toys.

As a newer librarian, I haven’t had much time to accumulate such resentments, and I found myself sympathizing with items on both lists. Bruce and Martin moved beyond stereotypes to explore some causes of the lingering tensions: different views of our business, the missing water cooler, and the perception that librarians and technologists are in a zero-sum game.

Ken Hirsh, Connie Matzen, and Billie Blaine shared personal experiences focusing on five principles for making the librarian-technologist relationship a success. The principles include adapting ideas from other organizations; not blaming issues on



personality; optimizing our work to serve customers; recognizing that for every librarian complaint about technologists, there is an “equal and opposite” technologist complain about librarians; and the need for technology reference interviews to find out what priorities are. Blaine shared the funniest example of a misunderstanding: her IT staff kept emailing her about library equipment in a storage room, and she couldn’t figure out what they meant. The “equipment” in question turned out to be a set of books!

To close the Institute, Courtland Chaney of LSU’s Rucks Department of Management spoke to us about interpersonal success in the workplace. I expected this to be a fairly dry session, but Chaney roamed freely around both the room and his topic, which he illustrated with lively anecdotes. He stressed the importance of communication as the foundation of all other management functions. Using the Johari window concept, he talked about how things we know and don’t know about ourselves and others affect the communication process. Finally, he stressed the importance of matching the content and process of our communication. That is, our words (content) and music (process) should be in harmony if we want to be successful communicators. Demonstrating incongruence, Chaney pointed out that you can’t make someone believe you love them if you say it an angry tone of voice.

Institute coordinator Timothy Coggins brought together speakers covering a variety of facets of the law librarian-legal technologist relationship, from surface tension and

underlying currents to theory and practice to content and process. Those of us who attended the Institute left with new ideas for collaborating and communicating successfully with our colleagues.





## MINUTES

### **SEAALL General Business Meeting, Friday, April 13, 2007 Baton Rouge, LA**

President Anne Klinefelter welcomed the members and thanked the Sponsor, BNA.

#### **I. Approval of minutes**

Approval of minutes from the last General Business Meeting in St. Louis, MO, in July 2006: the minutes were approved unanimously.

Results of the election of officers and bylaws amendments:

Vice President/President-Elect: Amy Osborne  
Member-at-Large: Nancy Adams

All 5 Bylaws amendments: Adopted

There is a tie in the race for Treasurer between Tim Lewis and Paula Tejada.

As there is no provision currently in our bylaws for resolution of a tie vote, the Executive Board is submitting for approval at the business meeting on April 13 the following proposed Amendment:

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deadlocked at the adoption of this amendment.

The required thirty-day notice for a proposed bylaw change was met before the Baton Rouge Annual Meeting by emailing the language of the proposed amendment to the membership.

#### **II. Reports of Officers**

A. President: Anne Klinefelter said that she had nothing new to report.

B. Vice-President: Ken Hirsh deferred his statement to the Program Committee report.

C. Secretary: Sally Wambold reported on SEAALL's first electronic election, which was facilitated by Ken Hirsh and the Duke Law Library. Only 45 paper ballots were required because of the electronic election. The return rate of the first electronic election was over 60%.

D. Treasurer: Jack Bissett announced that there were copies of the Treasurer's Report available and a report would appear in the next newsletter. SEAALL spent more than it earned. This could be explained by timing of payments; large contributions to AALL, Katrina libraries and scholarships. There is money in the bank and in small investments.

E. Past President: Pam Deemer deferred her report to the Report of the Bylaws Committee.

F. Members-at-Large: Virginia Smith was



unable to attend the meeting. So, Anne Klinefelter gave her report that SEAALL had succeeded in attracting a VIP for the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans in July 2007. The VIP will be Dean José-Marie Griffiths, School of Information and Library Science at UNC-CH.

Grace Mills reported on the survey results. She thanked all who responded and told them the survey results would be posted on the website. Grace closed by promising another survey.

### III. Committee Reports

A. Articles & Bylaws: Chair Pam Deemer thanked her fellow members: Ismael Gullon, Ken Hirsh, and Anne Klinefelter. She reported that electronic voting had been accepted by the membership. Housekeeping changes had been necessary and these were okayed by the AALL Bylaws Committee.

B. Community Service Committee: Chair Terrye Conroy also thanked her committee members (Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Marcia Burris, Scott DeLeve, Marin Dell, Stephanie Dooley, Margaret Hall, Susan Lewis-Somers, Donna Nixon, Sally Wambold, Olivia Weeks, and Ron Wheeler). The recipient of the committee's donations is the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, the high schools. Over 120 books had been donated via the Amazon Wish List set up by Ron Wheeler and over \$250 had been donated at the time of the business meeting. Members of the CSC will accept donations throughout the Annual Meeting. Raffle tickets will be given to all donors, who will be eligible to

win one of two Blockbuster gift baskets.

C. Education Committee: Carol Billings reported for Chair Rebecca and announced there was no report for this Committee at this time. (Chair Rebecca Trammel; members Carol Billings, Scot Childs, Veronica Foster, Nancy Johnson, Leslie Diana Jones, David Lehmann, Elizabeth Outler, Cathy Polombi, Adeen Postar, Colleen Williams.

D. Government Relations: Anne Klinefelter reported for Chair Maureen Eggert. The 2007 committee was comprised of members from all SEAALL states except Puerto Rico. (Maureen Eggert, Helane Davis, Dee Dee Dockendorf, Kevin Fredette, Brian Huddleston, Chris Hudson, Billie Jo Kaufman, David Lowe, Colleen Manning, Christine Sellers, Linda Tesar, Thomas Walter)

In addition to monitoring governmental activities and reporting them via SEAALL-L the 2007 Government Relations Committee met its goal of contributing regular articles to the SEAALL newsletter. Other 2007 Government Relations activities included:

- Chair attended the Legislative Advocacy leadership Training in St. Louis
- The committee advised the President on whether to sign GPO appropriation letters on behalf of SEAALL
- Posted contact information and sample letters to SEAALL-L for those members wishing to write in support of H.R. 1309,



## Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 2007

E. Local Arrangements: Charlene Cain reported for Chair Randy Thompson. Members included: Randy Thompson, Chair; Charlene Cain, Jean Allen, Ajaye Bloomstone, Georgia Chadwick, Megan Garton, Marie Louis, Maralena Murphy, Kay Naar, Denise Uzee). 178 people pre-registered. The pre-conference Institute was highly successful. At every break there would be drawings for prizes.

F. Membership: Chair Rebecca Maxwell reported. (Her committee members were Nancy Adams, Shyama Agrawal, Georgia Chadwick, Tim Chinaris, Edward Hart, Amy Osborne, Frosty Owen, Mary Jane Slipsky, Linda Sobey). The committee sent welcome letters to new members throughout the year, managed the SEAALL table at AALL, and worked with Grace Mills to develop the membership survey. Those committee members located near a library school did outreach in the form of onsite presentations, as well as flyers and emails, to encourage awareness of legal librarianship as a career path. Membership is up this year, and all new members were encouraged to become active in SEAALL. The chairman for the coming year is Edward Hart of the Chiles Legal Information Center at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law.

G. Newsletter and Public Relations: Anne Klinefelter reported for Chair Lisa Smith-Butler. (Members of the Committee include Steve Melamut, Marcia Baker, Karin Den

Bleyker, Stacy Etheredge, Stacy Lane, Laurel Brown, Nikki Perry, Carolyn Santanella, Etheldra Scoggin, Thomas Walter)

- Steve Melamut, UNC, began the 2006-2007 year as web master and newsletter editor. In October 2006, Lisa Smith-Butler, NSU FL. Assumed newsletter editor responsibilities.

- Three newsletter issues have been published this year: Summer (July 2006), Fall (December 2006) and Winter (February 2007). The Fall 2006 issue concluded publication of volume 31 while the Winter 2007 issue ushered in publication of volume 32. The Spring 2007 issue is scheduled for publication in May and will include coverage of the SEAALL Annual Program and National Library Week among other articles.

Regular features in the newsletter continue to include:

- the **President's Column** which was written by Anne Klinefelter this year;
- **SEAALL Briefs** compiled by Karin Den Bleyker which provide news about SEAALL members' job changes, titles, achievements, awards, and/or publications;
- **Government Relations** information compiled by Maureen Eggert; and
- **Treasury Reports** compiled by Jack Bissett.

Feature articles during this past year include:

- E Readers by Karl Grueben
- From Brando & Leigh to Abbott & Costello by Brian Huddleston
- Getting a Second Life by Meg Kribble
- Introducing BRALL by Rita Parham
- Law Library Marketing: The



## Fundamentals by Stephanie Fox

- Make Plans to Attend SEAALL by Rita Parham & Melanie Sims
- Research Means by Deborah Schander
- SEAALL 2007 by Rita Parham
- Staying on Top: Electronic Current Awareness by Lisa Smith-Butler
- Who is Lucille Elliot? By Joyce Manna Janto
- Willy Wonka and the Rare Book School by Stacy Etheredge

H. Nominations: Chair Carol Nicholson thanked everyone who agreed to run for office.

She noted that the tie for Treasurer showed what a talented membership SEAALL had in that two candidates were so equally qualified. (The Nominations Committee also included Carol Billings, Kathy Crosslin, Patricia Kidd, and Pedro Padilla-Rosa.)

I. Placement: Anne Klinefelter reporter for Chair Joy Hanson. The SEAALL Placement Committee was chaired this year by Joy Hanson, formerly of Duke Law Library, currently of the U.S. Supreme Court Library. Joy and Glen-Peter Ahlers of Barry University School of Law Library, will be rotating off the committee this year. The remaining committee members will serve through next year: Billie Blaine of the Supreme Court of Florida, Karen Nuckolls of the University of Kentucky Law Library, Masako Patrum of Wake Forest University Professional Center Library, and Monica Wilson of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. Many thanks go to the committee members for their service.

The Placement Committee concentrated

on job postings on the SEAALL website. Steven Melamut delegated posting duties to Thomas Walter for a few months, which changed the flow of the website postings a bit. The committee chair's change in jobs in December also resulted in some confusion, but nothing too disruptive. In the end, the committee posted nearly sixty jobs this year to the website. Many thanks to the Web team for quick turnaround.

There are only two other notes to make about the committee's work this year. First, the committee addressed the issue of very old postings, since sometimes employers do not notify us when the position is filled. We agreed that postings will be automatically removed from the website after 60 days unless a request is made for a different length, longer or short. This policy was implemented in October.

Second, an issue of posting requests from outside our region arose this year. Specifically, one job posting request was sent from Kansas. Because of the small volume of job postings requested for our site, the chair allowed this outside request without question. The committee has not looked for jobs outside the SEAALL region, but if posting requests come in from unaffiliated parties in the future, the committee may want to evaluate whether a policy is needed on that matter.

J. Program Planning Committee: Chair Ken Hirsh thanked his committee members



(Christine Ciambella, Tim Coggins, Charlene Cunniffe, Elaine Fenton, Jim Heller, Tim Lewis, Helen Walker, Sally Wiant, Tracy Woodard) Ken complimented Tim Coggins for a super institute and reported that there were 14 programs at this Baton Rouge meeting. There will be an open forum for the members this year. The evaluation form has been redesigned to be machine readable.

K. Scholarship Committee: Carol redemeyer for delivered this report for Joyce Manna Janto, Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Family obligations kept Ms. Janto from making the trip to Baton Rouge for the SEAALL meeting this year. Ms. Janto thanked all of the other members of the committee for their hard work through out the year: Lee Carnes, Emily Carr; Margaret Christiansen; Janet Hirt; Pedro Padilla-Rosa; Jennifer Sekula; and Denise Uzee.

The committee had four programs to administer this year. The first was the SEAALL Student Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for students within the SEAALL region to attend library school. Interestingly, applicants do not have to be SEAALL members at the time of application. A year's membership in SEAALL is included as part of the scholarship. This year there were 7 applicants for the student scholarships. The committee decided that rather than partially fund several applicants, the scholarships would be more meaningful if the committee fully funded a few. Acting on this decision, the committee awarded two student scholarships: one to Emily Janoski who is attending the University of Kentucky and the other to Cameron Gowan who is attending Catholic University.

The second program administered was the Lucile Elliott Scholarship. This scholarship is for any activity that will improve one's ability as a law librarian. Preference is given, however, for applicants who will use the money to attend the SEAALL meeting. In addition, the Lucile Elliott guidelines mandate that the committee award scholarships in a 70:30 ratio, favoring members who have belonged to SEAALL 5 years or less. This year Lucile Elliott Scholarships were awarded to: Jennifer Greig, Barry University School of Law, to attend the SEAALL meeting; Eric Krieger, student member, to attend the AALL meeting; Tara Lombardi, student member, to attend the AALL meeting and to take a library school class at LSU; Jennifer McKenna, North Carolina Supreme Court Library, to attend the SEAALL meeting; and Christine Sellers, Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd, P.A., to attend the SEAALL meeting.

The third program is the SEAALL CONELL Grant. This grant is to pay the CONELL expenses for a librarian whose home institution may be able to provide funding for the AALL Annual Meeting, but not for the extra expenses associated with CONELL. The grant covers the cost of CONELL, a hotel room for one night, and the CONELL Dutch Treat dinner. This year the CONELL grant was given to Pam Brannon of the University of Georgia.

The final program is the SEAALL AALL Registration Grant. This grant is also for a newer member who has never attended AALL before. The Grant provides for a full meeting



registration to the New Orleans meeting. We had no applications for this grant by the time of the original application deadline, thus the deadline was extended to April 30, 2007.

Carol Bredemeyer once again thanked all of Scholarship Committee members for their hard work all year long. And Joyce wished to thank Anne for appointing her chair of this committee and thus allowing her this wonderful opportunity. There is nothing quite as gratifying as giving away other people's money.

L. Service to SEAALL Award Committee: Carol Nicholson reported for Chair Joyce Manna Janto. (Pam Deemer was the other member of this committee.) Carol read the accomplishments and service contributions of this year's award winner who is Nancy Johnson, Law Librarian and Professor of Law at Georgia State University Law Library.

#### IV. Administrative Officer Reports

A. Archives: Anne Klinefelter reported for John Barden who stated there is really nothing new to report. SEAALL members probably know that SEAALL purchased archival materials for refolding and reboxing the collection last year. All that is needed now is a block of time to accomplish the refolding and reboxing! It is a priority goal for the coming academic year. As always, though, John requested that SEAALL officers remind past officers and committee chairs to forward their old files to the archives. Not much has been sent in over the past year. Outgoing officers and chairs

may need a little nudge. All SEAALL records no longer serving a current need are welcome in the SEAALL archives. Send materials ready for deposit in the archives to:

John R. Barden  
SEAALL Archives  
William Taylor Muse Law Library  
University of Richmond School of Law  
Richmond VA 23173

B. Database Manager: Ken Hirsh expressed thanks to Becky Wilson for all of her help with the database. There are 643 active and life members in the SEAALL database. The directory is now in PDF format. Past year's directories are also accessible.

C. Handbook: Anne Klinefelter reported for Laurel Brown. The transition between editors has been successfully made after overcoming some initial technical difficulties. The website version was updated earlier this year to reflect the changes approved by the membership in 2006. Both the full document and the individual sections are currently up-to-date. Many thanks go to Thomas Walter for his help with this upload.

There were several spellings of Lucile Elliott's name in the Handbook and those have been corrected in the latest edition. Laurel will continue to make updates as they come in and make sure that they are posted to the SEAALL website in a timely manner. The Webmaster/Postmaster section needs specific attention as there are no details about this position. As we make the latest transition in committees, Laurel would appreciate any



assistance from the appropriate committee members on additional updates needed at this time.

D. Discussion list: Anne Klinefelter reported for Paul Birch. The SEAALL-L Forum continues to run sturdily from its AALLNET.org home. Our "SEAALL members only" policy has worked well, owing in large part to Treasurer Jack Bissett's conscientious coordination. As coincidence would have it, today marked the first-ever transmission of "SEAALL-L spam," despite what seems to be maximally bullet-proof list security policies. Paul alerted AALLNET's Christopher Siwa; both Paul and Chris are hoping that the first ever spam message will prove to have been an anomaly.

E. Webmaster: Anne Klinefelter reported for Steve Melamut. The SEAALL website continued to receive a significant amount of traffic this past year. There were 5,280 visits to the site and 7,832 page views during the 11 month period from May 9, 2006 to April 8, 2007. Forty-four percent of these visitors were new while 56% had visited the site before; 39% of the site's visitors found the SEAALL website using a search engine. Although most of the visits were from people in the Eastern United States, the SEAALL website had visitors from as far away as Zurich, Switzerland and Seattle, Washington.

Special thanks are due to Thomas B. Walter from Mississippi College School of Law Library. He provided needed assistance and has helped maintain the site over the past year.

## V. Old Business

Future SEAALL Annual meeting sites;

2008 in D.C., a joint meeting with LLSDC. Billie Jo Kaufman reported on plans for the meeting in 2008, which will be held in a new Westin Hotel in Alexandria. The hotel is three blocks from the King St. Metro and just steps from the Patent and Trademark Office. The cherry blossoms should be out during the meeting which is scheduled for March 27 to 29, 2008. Other members of the Local Arrangements Committee include Mike Pettit, Rhea Ballard-Thrower, and Elizabeth LeDoux. Billie Jo brought brochures for the members to read.

2009 in Athens, GA. Ann Puckett reported that the meeting hotel would be the Hilton Garden and the Classic Center would be the convention center. Various entertainments are being considered.

2010 in Williamsburg, VA. Jim Heller reported that the hotel would like guarantees for Saturday night.

## VI. New Business

A. Vote on Tie-Breaking Procedure. Anne Klinefelter and Pam Deemer  
There is a tie in the race for Treasurer between Tim Lewis and Paula Tejada. As there is no provision currently in our bylaws for resolution of a tie vote, the Executive Board is submitting for approval at the business meeting on April 13 the following proposed Amendment:



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The amendment to the bylaws brought up for discussion. The choice of drawing lots was explained. Research had shown that this method for breaking a deadlock was commonly used by peer institutions. The language SEAALL is using comes from the AALL bylaws. A member asked why didn't the Board just flip a coin. The explanation was that the language of the amendment left the details of breaking the deadlock to the discretion of the President. The bylaws amendment was approved unanimously. Ismael Gullon and Sally Wiant volunteered to be the tellers. Ismael verified that there were five slips with Tim Lewis's name on them and five slips with Paula Tejada's name on them. He refolded the slips and put them in a hat. Sally Wiant pulled Paula Tejada's name out of the hat.

Paula Tejada was declared the new SEAALL Treasurer for 2007-2009.

B. Other. Carol Billings next asked for volunteers to be revelers at the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

### VII. Adjournment

Anne Klinefelter awarded incoming President Ken Hirsh a gavel for his Presidency. Ken thanked Anne most heartily for her “good deciding” and gave her a most beautiful book entitled **Most Beautiful Libraries in the World** to assist her as she decides how to renovate the Law Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Ken officially adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Wambold  
SEAALL Secretary





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