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DIARY OF AN AALL FIRST-TIMER

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MARCH 25

Preliminary Program arrives! Obviously the planners put a lot of thought and effort into the design of the conference. There are so many interesting programs to attend, it's difficult to choose, and it appears that there is something for everyone. CONELL is a definite for me. Then what? Issues? Technology? Hot Topics? Some of each perhaps.

JULY 15

I participated in CONELL with about 100 other "new" librarians on Saturday. The program included an ice-breaker activity, a overview of the various divisions of AALL, an "Ask the Experts" round table session focusing on a variety of issues such as Intranets, leadership and instruction, and three presentations by experienced law librarians from the private, academic, and state venues on tips for job success: smile a lot, polish and refine your skills and knowledge, network with professional colleagues. Lunch at Bookbinders and a city tour closed a busy and stimulating session. Met my colleagues from the Philadelphia office at Smith and Wollensky in the Rittenhouse Hotel for a steak dinner fit for a Texas cattle baron (or oil man—"W" stayed at the hotel during the RNC).

JULY 16

Sunday's sessions included "Developing Effective Relationships in Today's Law Office" with presentations by librarians on collaboration techniques and the benefits of strengthening relationships with other firm managers. For instance, to foster trust from members of the IT group, librarians should consider taking a course in network administration tools and ask the IT team for input. Librarians can also provide sup-

port and training opportunities for paralegals, and can keep the human resources and recruiting departments up-to-date with a current awareness system. A quick trip to Chinatown for Malaysian food at Panang, and a quick walk through Reading Terminal Market scanning for sticky buns. In the afternoon, "Passeport Pour La France" was a session on key French legal resources presented by a Frenchman whose charming accent was a little hard to follow, but the information on the organization and scope of the EU, and the structure of French private and public law was useful. Also made my first swoop through the exhibits and took a culinary tour of Philadelphia at the LEXIS opening reception in the evening.

JULY 17

Monday was very busy, a mostly excellent presentation on foreign patent information detailing filing procedures, patent terminology, the importance of filing dates and in which countries filings can be made, and the special challenges of Japanese patents; then the Association luncheon where I sat with some very interesting private firm and academic librarians from North Carolina, Hawaii, DC, and Australia; "Some Like It Hot" was an outstanding presentation on "hot groups" given by a Georgetown University professor (THE most organized and time-conscious presenter I have ever seen!), how they differ from regular work groups, for what kind of projects they are best suited, the group dynamics inherent in them; and "Mining for SEC Gold" presented an overview of various databases for SEC information (speaker liked LIVEDGAR the best) including a chronology of the SEC and its regulations, the importance of key filings and what information each includes, and how to use that information to assemble a "cor-

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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I WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE OVER 40 LLSDC PAST AND PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS, SIS and Committee Chairs, in attendance at the Leadership Lunch on September 20, 2000. Brief presentations were made by the following leaders: Leslie Lee, Treasurer; Nancy Crossed, Corresponding Secretary; Jeannine Coscia, *Dates to Remember*; Beth Conte, *Law Library Lights*; Laura Bedard, Archivist; Ellen Feldman, Vendor Support; Volunteers: Carla Evans and Lisa Harrington; Web Site: Chris Reed; and Public Relations: James Walther. LLSDC is a volunteer organization and I thank everyone for taking time out of his/her day to join us. Laura Bedard's presentation on the LLSDC Archives was particularly interesting, as it seems that the Archives may be missing many newer publications and information. Here is my call to all of you leaders, past and present, to check your files for LLSDC materials. If you are no longer a Board Member, SIS or Committee chair, please forward materials you find on to the current leader. If you are a 2000-2001 leader and have materials over two years old, you may need to send them on to the Archives. For a list of current leaders, please check <http://www.llsdc.org>.

I would also like to welcome a new Focus Group to LLSDC. Cindy Curling, Electronic Resources Librarian at the law firm of Fried,

Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, recently started the LLSDC Legal Research Training Focus Group. For more information, you may contact Cindy at 202/639-7293 or curlici@ffhsj.com.

LLSDC now has two official Focus Groups: The Franklin Square Focus Group and The Legal Research Training Focus Group. *The LLSDC Procedures Manual* defines a Focus Group as a group that comes together to exchange information, experiences and areas of knowledge. Focus Groups are approved by five Board members and can associate themselves with LLSDC, and use *Dates* and *Lights* to publicize themselves.

Following my "theme" of communication this year, I challenge you to start your own Focus Group. If you have ever heard yourself saying "I wish there were a brown bag lunch group in my area of town," then set one up as a Focus Group. That is how the Franklin Square (McPherson Square) Focus Group was started years ago and it is still thriving today. For more information on creating a Focus Group, please call a Board Member or me. For specifics on Franklin Square, you may also call the Co-Chairs, Scott Larson at 202/789-6106 or slarson@bdllaw.com; or Laurie Johnson-Malone at 202/737-4582 or ljm@hpm.com.

LLSDC has a terrific year planned. I hope you will take advantage of the many upcoming activities! ■

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porate snapshot” for your attorneys. More time at the exhibits previewing new WESTLAW and LEXIS features and getting my passport stamped. The West Group party in the evening had great music, and our group was generally disappointed that none of us were lucky enough to win one of the wonderful prizes.

JULY 18

Tuesday was another marathon day, thought-provoking presentations on “The Intersection of Public and Private International Law in a Global Economy” by State Department officials and private attorneys centering on the legal issues of e-commerce, such as authentication, jurisdiction, enforcement, intellectual property rights, cybersquatters and taxation, and their ramifications. The DIALOG luncheon was a networking opportunity that put me in touch with other DC librarians who are starting an IP librarian “e-circle.” “Skills for Government Document Librarians in the New Millennium” affirmed my decision to take the Gov Docs course in graduate school. The panelists presented the view that the need for technology skills, people skills, teaching and training ability, and characteristics such as flexibility, public service commitment, curiosity, and tolerance will be in demand given the shift in government information policies. More time at the exhibits and another bag of give-aways; and lastly a wonderful reception by the Hillier Group, architects for many library construction and renovation projects, including the current Supreme Court renovation. The Hillier library collection consisted of marble samples, rug samples, fiber samples, lighting catalogs, window catalogs, I-beams—very different. Met friends at Buddakan on Chestnut St. — very chic, very hip, very dark, but excellent Asian-fusion food and architectural desserts.

JULY 19

Wednesday (my last day) morning I attended a session on medical research, a topic I know nothing about. Unfortunately the presenters assumed a certain level of knowledge on the audience’s part; I was a bit lost. Checked out of the hotel and taxied to 33rd St. Station with mixed feelings. It felt good to be going home, but the four days were so busy, so informative, so stimulating, that I was sure with just a short break, I could start all over again! Definitely looking forward to next year’s conference and am energized to become involved in local AALL activities. Fell asleep on the train; luckily DC was the last stop. ■

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MY PHILADELPHIA ADVENTURE

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IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS LEADING UP TO MY PHILADELPHIA ADVENTURE many friends gave me advice, such as:

"Make sure to go to CONELL."

"Sign up for tours."

"Save plenty of time for the exhibits."

Everyone agreed that this would be an experience that I'd never forget. This was confirmed at the very beginning of my Philadelphia adventure when my flight from Dulles was canceled and I found myself racing to Union Station in rush hour traffic. I barely caught the Amtrak train only to spend three hours sitting in the dining car with several drunks.

EXTRA EFFORT WORTHWHILE

The extra effort involved in getting there seemed worthwhile since the next morning I made it to CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians) on time. Bonding with other "newer" librarians enhanced my trip. I made new friends from all across the country and found that we had both a lot in common and considerable differences. I met people who worked in academic law libraries, public law libraries, and law libraries that serve publishers. One of my friends was a former attorney who was still working on her library

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degree. We exchanged ideas, compared the programs we attended and tipped each other to "must-see" exhibits.

Speakers told us about their adventures and experiences and gave us reason to look forward to the careers ahead of us. In the "Marketplace" we found out some of what AALL has to offer. As a reward for listening attentively we were treated to an afternoon on the town in Philadelphia. To the delight and amusement of all, tour bus guide, Mabel, pointed out such memorable sights as the home of Betsy Ross and the many places frequented by "Billy" Penn. She was surprised by what a "lively bunch" we were. She didn't realize how rowdy law librarians could be!

A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS

After CONELL we settled into the real purpose of the trip: attending sessions on SEC research, foreign patents and accounting research. Some speakers gave captivating presentations and answered questions I never knew I had. Others seemed less well-prepared and were hard to follow. Some programs were not at all what their titles led me to expect. At the end of each session I compared notes with my friends from CONELL, which helped me absorb the material.

EXHIBITS AND MORE

In between attending sessions there were parties and luncheons to attend, exhibits to see and a city to experience. The opening banquet was fun, the WESTLAW party was memorable and the various luncheons were delicious. I visited each exhibit at least once and some exhibits twice. I discovered resources and vendors that I was previously unaware of. With my friends from CONELL, I took a lovely purple bus, the Philly Phlash, to the Franklin Institute.

AALL in Philadelphia was everything I'd hoped for and more. It was an unforgettable experience full of learning and laughter. I found out that all of the pre-trip advice I received was really helpful. Attending CONELL was a valuable learning experience and in addition I made many new friends and business contacts.

I'm certain that those connections with law librarians in other cities will help me time and again. The time that I spent in the exhibits where I saw things that intrigued and educated me was also time well spent.

While I didn't join an organized tour, seeing the city on my own was enriching and provided a terrific background for my first conference. My Philadelphia adventure was everything that I hoped it would be and more. ■

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AALL HOSTED A VERY INFORMATIVE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION at this year's annual meeting in Philadelphia. Representatives from law libraries across the United States were on hand to hear about current issues facing libraries today and why it is important for all of us to become advocates for our causes. Issues that were discussed included Legislative Branch appropriations and the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA).

In July, conferees ironed out differences in House and Senate versions of the Legislative Branch appropriations legislation. The House bill, H.R. 4516 included language that would have substantially cut funding for the Government Printing Office (GPO) as well as several other Legislative Branch entities. The cuts to GPO's Congressional Printing and Binding (CP&B) would have ended the printing of many important titles including, the daily *Congressional Record*, the *Federal Register*, the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the 2000 version of the official *U.S. Code*, and reports, hearings, and other congressional documents. The Senate version of the bill (S. 2603) did not include the drastic cuts of H.R. 4516, and funds the Federal Library Depository at just over \$30 million dollars, a small increase over last year. The conferees compromised on the numbers and agreed to fund the program at \$27.9 million dollars, which is \$6 million dollars shy of the Public Printer's request.

The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) is controversial state legislation that would harm the way that libraries, organizations and businesses function by giving software vendors and other information providers extraordinary power and permitting contract law to override copyright law. UCITA would:

1. make shrink wrap and "click wrap" contracts more binding even if the consumer clicked and downloaded the software inadvertently;
2. allow vendors to shut down software remotely without court approval and without incurring liability for harm caused to the licensee;
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5. allow vendors to prohibit public criticism of their product.

These are only a few of the negatives. Libraries, universities, businesses and consumers would have virtually no rights under UCITA. UCITA has been introduced in several states and has passed in Maryland and Virginia, although in Virginia the law does

not become effective until July 1, 2001 and is pending review by a new advisory committee. There are hearings pending for the District of Columbia bill.

AALL has a Washington Affairs Office headquartered at the Georgetown University Law Library. This office works closely with members of the AALL Government Relations Committee to monitor legislative, judicial and regulatory activities affecting libraries. To this end, Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative, spoke at the October 6, 2000 Fall Joint Meeting of VALL-LLSDC. Mary Alice mentioned the December 13, 2000 teleconference, UCITA: A Guide to Understanding and Action, which is being cosponsored by AALL, ALA, ARL, MLA and SLA. The four panelists include: Sally Wiant, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University; James Neal, Dean of University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University; Rodney Peterson, Director Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology at the University of Maryland; and Cathy Wojewodzki, Librarian, Reference Department, University of Delaware. The March-April 2001 issue of *Lights* will be dedicated to Copyright issues and more UCITA activities. ■

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SLA: THEN & NOW

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THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held in Philadelphia a month before the AALL Annual Conference, was my second visit to the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference. I had attended SLA ten years ago, and remember it fondly as it was the first professional conference I was able to attend. Back then, I was impressed by SLA's colossal exhibit hall, the variety of seminar topics, as well as the conference's focus on technology. And, oh yes, those freebie trinkets they were handing out were awesome! I was also acutely aware that I was one of a handful of law librarians in attendance.

Now, as a more seasoned conference attendee, I looked forward to observing what changes a decade had brought to SLA's conference. Ten years later I was still impressed by SLA's colossal exhibit hall, the variety of seminar topics, their focus on technology, and yes, those freebie trinkets the exhibitors were handing out were still awesome. The biggest change proved to be that as a law librarian I was now a member of a key SLA constituency: the Legal Division of the SLA.

SLA LEGAL DIVISION

One of the youngest SLA divisions, the Legal Division is also one of SLA's fastest growing divisions, with easily over 1000 members. This year it was responsible for setting up over twenty of the educational programs offered.

I had already dropped by the Division's hospitality suite hosted every evening by Westlaw, and had added the Lexis/Nexis evening reception to my evening "to-do" list. By the time I attended the Legal Division's business luncheon, I began to realize that SLA allowed a cozier relationship between librarians and vendors than AALL allowed. Vendors are elected officers, and committee chairs in the Legal Division, and everyone gets along fine. I am certain these ties have facilitated in soliciting funds and sponsorships, but because of this close relationship, I don't expect the Legal Division will ever be as effective an advocate on controversial information issues as any AALL organization.

GETTING STARTED

I started off by attending the SLA/CE afternoon course, "Searching Faster, Smarter on the Internet." Our instructor Rita Vine recommended that we rely less on search engines, rely more on search portals and other topical entry points created and maintained by experts. These methodologies were generally advocated by the other speakers I heard on Internet topics.

At the "Secrets of Super Business Searchers" program, Mary Ellen Bates offered many practical tips. My favorite was her suggestions that we

purge our "assumptions cache" every six months about searching on the web. Ms. Bates also appeared with Greg Notess at the "Choosing & Using Search Engines" program. She opened her remarks with some chilling statistics about how most users lack of appreciation of the limitations of Internet search engines. In actuality she was giving tips to find information on the web which the standard search engines are ill-equipped to find. It was left to Mr. Notess to give the low-down on the strengths, weaknesses and perpetually changing idiosyncrasies of major search engines.

All these speakers recommended Gary Prices' "List of Lists" web page, a gateway where Mr. Price provides links to indices of web content ignored by the all-purpose search engines. Mr. Price was a speaker as well at the "Gumshoe Librarians and the Grey Matter of the Internet" program. He, along with Connie Kaplan of Kroll-O'Gara Company, revealed numerous fee-based resources not accessible when using the popular search engines. My favorite new sources were Quackwatch, <http://www.quackwatch.com>, used to locate doctors under investigation, and Bloodstock, <http://www.brisnet.com>, used to track information on race horses as part of an asset search.

Many of the speakers for these presentations promised to post their presentation notes on the internet after the conference in lieu of handouts. For "Choosing & Using Search Engines," see <http://www.batesinfo.com/speeches.html>.

LEGAL DIVISION PROGRAMS

The Legal Division-sponsored programs I attended were well received. Law Professor Mickie Voges gave an animated and engaging lecture in the "Copyright Update" e-program. In the "Hot Technologies for Information Transfer" program, SLA Legal Division members Tom Fleming and Nathan Rosen offered their take on emerging technologies and their potential impact. Both appeared to be programs offered annually at SLA, eagerly anticipated by many in the audience.

EXHIBIT HALL

The exhibit hall was significantly larger than those held at AALL. This is not surprising given the consolidation of the legal publishing industry. Here Lexis/Nexis and West Group were just two of many prominent exhibitors of online services instead of the two major behemoth legal publishers. Moreover, SLA's significantly larger and varied membership has the leverage to pull in various niches of vendors who consider AALL too specialized a market. Many of the publishers familiar to law librarians at AALL, such as BNA, Berman, CCH, Glasser Legalworks, and

the Practising Law Institute were exhibiting here as well as at the AALL conference.

After paying my respects at some familiar booths, I waded in among the myriad vendors offering online products with which I was unfamiliar. My chief goal at the exhibit hall was to determine what online products were not merely a repackaging of information I already had access to via Westlaw, Lexis or Dialog and might be worth adding to our library's Swiss army knife of auxiliary online services. My mantra quickly became "Do you offer a pay as you go plan?" and "Does your interface allow for client billing?" Other Legal Division members were asking these same questions, so some vendors previously unfamiliar with the law firm market were promising to consider adding such features due to the demand.

SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

I was surprised that with all the resources at their command SLA didn't devote more to assessing the expected attendance of each individual seminar. I saw too often a speaker holding court before 20 attendees in a room with the capacity for over a hundred while next door another speaker spoke before 300 listeners spilling out of a smaller conference room. I missed having a proceedings volume containing all speakers' outlines and notes submitted in advance, which I had come to expect after attending other association conferences.

My attempt to attend a program called "Knowledge Management 101" was disastrous. In addition to the by now unexpected audience overflow of a popular program, there was an unadvertised sit-down breakfast available for half of the attendees. Arriving too late to find a seat, I elected to skip the standing room only, with the intention of ordering the tape recording of the program. I later found out only selected programs were taped and KM 101 was not one of them.

I bring these matters up as no formal evaluations were handed out after the programs. This made me wonder how SLA determines what practices work and what needs improving for the next conference. I guess I took these sound conference management practices for granted while attending past AALL conferences.

CONCLUSION

Nevertheless my visit to the conference was on the whole a positive experience. I now consider the SLA conference as serious a continuing education option for private firm law librarians as the AALL conference. I intend to rotate my attendance between the two conferences in order to enjoy the benefits of both. ■

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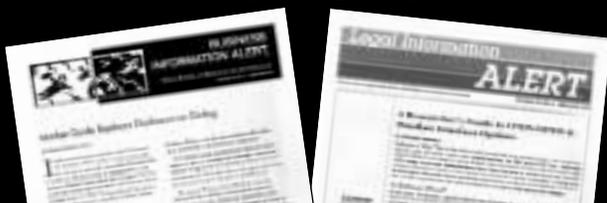
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Lou Ella began her professional career as a librarian in the public library system in Brooklyn, New York. She came to Washington in 1943 to work at the Department of Justice library. At Justice, she was the Circulation and Assistant Reference Librarian from 1943 to 1946, and Reference Librarian from 1946 to 1948. It was at the Department of Justice that she met her husband, Joe Ingram, an attorney

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with the Lands Division. With the arrival of their first son, Bill, Lou Ella left the Department of Justice to stay home and raise her family. Over the next few years, the family grew to include three more boys, Michael, Jonathan and Timothy.

While raising their family and establishing their home in Arlington, Lou Ella and her husband were active in Arlingtonians for a Better Community.

In 1962, Lou Ella began her career with the courts. She was hired on a part-time basis to inventory the collections of the Court of Claims and the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals in anticipation of their move to new, shared quarters in 1967. Hired as the full-time librarian by the Court of Claims in 1967, and working with the judges of the Court of Claims and the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, she implemented the establishment of a joint library in the new courthouse on Lafayette Park. She served as Chief Librarian from 1967 until her retirement in September 1982.

Lou Ella was active in the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., encouraging her staff to become members of the Society, and be active in the law library community. She was a skillful mentor to her staff, mostly librarians new to the profession, and imbued in them a work ethic and a level of professionalism that serves all of them to this very day. She built effective working relations within the Court, among the judges, secretaries, law clerks, and support staff, as well as with local law librarians, law firms and attorneys who used the library.

Retirement gave Lou Ella the long-anticipated opportunity to travel with Joe, and they quickly took advantage of it by journeying to the Orient not long after she retired. How proud she was of the beautiful silk suit that she had custom made in Japan! Regretfully, this turned out to be the only trip that Joe and Lou Ella took together, as Joe died in 1984. Since then, Lou Ella traveled as often as she could. London and Paris were among her favorite destinations, as were California, New Mexico and Florida.

Volunteering at the library of the Rock Spring Congregational Church kept Lou Ella's librarian skills honed. She also served as an organist for the church.

Many of us will remember Lou Ella's love of music, particularly opera, and her love of her wonderful garden, always awash with flowers.

Lou Ella's was a full life, brimming with activities, friendships, travel and, most importantly, family. We will sorely miss her spirit and sense of adventure, and are grateful for the chance to have shared work and play with this extraordinary lady. ■

STEP RIGHT UP, DON'T BE AFRAID, come to the bonfire, the Grants and Scholarships Committee has money to burn. Well not really, but we do have money to give away to LLSDC members. While we have already distributed about 1/3 of our budget, we still have money to spend. We would like to encourage members to apply for awards. The purpose of this article is to inform the membership about what the Committee can do for you.

The Committee reviews the eligibility of candidates for receipt of educational funds under the Society's Scholarships and Grants Program. The Committee will review applications for course work in accredited MLS and MLIS programs, as well as continuing education course work. Continuing education encompasses any program designed to enhance legal librarianship skills, including CAPCON seminars, and legal education course work. They will also consider applications for awards to library conferences and meetings.

To improve your chances of receiving a scholarship, it is critical to:

1. read and complete the scholarship form thoroughly;

2. submit the application before the announced deadline.

It is important to remember that the Committee will only award grants for non-reimbursed registration fees. Requests for travel expenses, accommodations or other attendant expenses cannot be considered under current guidelines. The Committee also considers other factors including past or current service to the Society, the extent of need, and the cost of the course work or program.

The Committee tries to honor every legitimate request for funding. Those who do not receive an award are encouraged to reapply for the next term, as the number of applicants in any given semester can vary widely. An applicant can receive only one award per the Society's fiscal year which runs from June 1- May 31.

The deadline for applications for the Spring, is December! The application is available at the LLSDC website: <http://www.llsdc.org/committees/scholarships/form.htm> or you may contact: William Ryan at Washington College of Law Library at American University, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016-8182, or call 202/274-4331, FAX: 202/274-4365, e-mail: wryan@wcl.american.edu. ■

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THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SIS BEGINS THE YEAR with a "big sigh of relief." After two years of hard work, we finally completed the long-awaited seventh edition of the *Union List of Legislative Histories*. Although Rothman & Co. published previous editions of the *Union List*, LLSDC decided last November to publish the document. The new edition is now available for purchase from the Society's management office. Please look for the advertisement elsewhere in this edition of *Lights* for a more complete description and ordering information. I thank fellow Compilation Committee members Lorelle Anderson from Crowell & Moring, Debbie Atkins from Arent Fox, Rick McKinney from the Federal Reserve Board, Julia Taylor from Dickstein Shapiro, and Mike Welsh from Shaw Pittman for all their hard work in our collaborative effort. In addition, Rick McKinney has worked tirelessly to keep the Society's *Legislative Source Book* current; it is available on the Society's webpage. In fact, an article in *USA Today* favorably mentioned the document (April 20, 2000, page 3D).

I thank Carole Waesche, past president of the Legislative Research SIS, for her wonderful leadership last year. I hope that this year we can follow her lead and provide similar programs and community to the SIS. I also welcome Julia Taylor as the new

president-elect for the SIS, and look forward to working with her this year.

Looking forward, I would like to follow-up on last year's successful meetings with vendors to comment on electronic legislative resources (CQ, LEXIS and WESTLAW).

Several new entities have approached the SIS to have similar programs for their products. Keep an eye out for further announcements in *Dates to Remember*. Finally, despite repeated pleas to the GPO from the Legislative Research SIS community, we still rely on Emily Carr's good graces for weekly updates on newly available GPO Congressional publications (THANKS Emily!!). We will revisit this issue once again this year to see if an alternative solution is possible. ■

LEGISLATIVE
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David Mao
Covington & Burling

LIGHTS DEADLINE

■ ■ ■ The deadline for the March/April 2001 issue of *Law Library Lights* is January 15, 2001, and the topic is "Copyright." The deadline for the May/June 2001 issue of *Law Library Lights* is March 15, 2001, and the topic is "Continuing Library Education."

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THE FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW/SIS sponsored a brown bag lunch on the topic, "Internet Resources: Foreign and International Law" at the offices of Dickstein Shapiro Morin and Oshinsky on October 18th. Our featured speaker was Marci Hoffman, International and Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University Law Library. In addition to discussing some favorite Internet sources, Marci provided insight in the use of translation services and information about future Internet research tools, such as the American Society of International Law's International Law Portal. An outline of her wonderful presentation with links to some excellent sources can be found at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/presentations/llsdc.htm>.

To help increase awareness of the resources available at the Law Library of Congress, we are planning a series of programs coordinated with Malo Bernal at the Law Library of Congress. The Law Library of Congress has over 20 foreign legal specialists covering unique jurisdictions. The programs will feature a particular country, and a Law Library of Congress foreign law specialist will provide an overview about specific country legal sources including important primary and secondary resources. The programs will be hosted by various

local government, law firm, and academic libraries. If you are interested in hosting one of these programs, please contact Malo Bernal at 202/707-9866 or mber@loc.gov; Pat Gudas at 202/861-3910 or pgudas@pipermar.com; or Kelly Vinopal at 202/775-4774 or VinopalK@dsmo.com. ■

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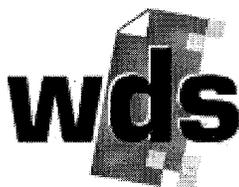
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FEDERAL/SIS NEWS

Richard J. McKinney
Federal Reserve
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FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES IN FEDERAL AGENCIES PROGRAM SUMMARY

On June 29, 2000, the Federal Law Librarians Section of the Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D.C., Inc. sponsored a brown bag discussion with Sheila McGarr, Chief of the Library Division, Library Programs Service, Government Printing Office representing the Federal Depository Library Program.

Besides Ms. McGarr, the meeting was attended by Rick McKinney of the Federal Reserve Board, Mary Grady of the Environmental Protection Agency, Carl Kessler of the Department of Health and Human Services, Sara Sonet of the Supreme Court of the United States, Marie Louise Bernal of the Library of Congress, Ellen Sweet with the Department of Education's National Education Library, and Carolyn Bazarnick, Ricki Kresan, Mariana Long, and Jan Oberla, all with the Department of Justice.

Public access to Federal Depository collections in Federal agency libraries was the first topic discussed. Ms. McGarr stressed that to be in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) entailed being open to the public during regular business hours, and that if there is a conflict

between that priority and the need for agency security (or because of inconvenience, staffing shortages, etc.) then that library should re-assess its depository status. It was noted that a number of federal agency libraries have dropped out of the FDLP in recent years. However, Ms. McGarr stated that a library may restrict access to just the depository collection. If the library treats all outside patrons the same, they may request proper ID's be shown, have patrons go through entrance security procedures, have them accompanied to and from the library, and charge for or place limits on photocopying. Also the library may refuse access to persons if it is plain that the patron is only using the library's depository status as a pretext to gain entrance, or if the patron does not follow a code of conduct established by the library (good to have) or if the patron sexually harasses or threatens the security of persons or facilities in the library or agency. However, GPO's General Counsel objected to an agency depository requesting that appointments be made.

Although rarely done, an agency library that drops out of the Federal Depository Library Program can potentially be asked by the Library of Congress to give up all or part of its past depository collection to another or new agency depository library. It was noted, however, that besides obtaining government publications via depository status or by making normal purchases, Federal agencies have the option of obtaining GPO publications (with as many copies as necessary) at a substantial discount by filling out a requisition to ride the printing jacket of a forthcoming publication. One can obtain future publication jacket numbers by contacting GPO.

Another topic discussed concerned collection development policy. Each depository library should have a written collection development policy explaining such things as who the library serves, the criteria for item selection, collection intensities, formats chosen, weeding schedule, how items are disposed, and other relevant matters. A piece level record is required such as is normal in shelf lists and other bibliographical controls. Ms. McGarr stated that items can be deleted from selection, even if they are part of the suggested basic collection for all depository libraries, if they are also available electronically on GPO Access. GPO Access is required to maintain its own electronic material in perpetuity and it is working with various other agencies (National Library of Medicine, Census Bureau, U.S. Institute of Peace, Bureau of Labor Statistics) to establish memoranda of agreements saying that the agency in question will provide permanent public access to agency



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electronic materials. How future electronic material will be presented and how present materials are to be converted and refreshed in the future is not really known, but GPO is committed to using available means to do so.

Still another discussion topic concerned the disposal of depository material. It was pointed out that, pursuant to Title 44 U.S.C. section 1907, unlike all other depository libraries, depository libraries in executive departments and independent agencies may weed out publications upon receipt. They do not have to hold government publications for five years, as others must, and agency libraries are not really under the umbrella of the local regional depository library and they do not have to offer their weeded collections to the regional library or other depository libraries. Instead, unwanted government publications are supposed to be first offered to the Library of Congress (Exchange and Gifts Division). However, in all practicality, after first contacting the Library of Congress one is generally told that there are very few government publications that they are willing to take (certainly no unbound publications like congressional hearings).

Thus weeded material are generally left to the discretion of the agency library but they are encouraged to offer them to other area libraries, announce them on library listservs, and make other arrangements. It is noted by the authors that language making similar exceptions for agency library material disposal procedures were not placed in provisions of the proposed government publications reform legislation, S. 2288, introduced and reported in the 105th Congress. It was also noted later by Ms. McGarr that since unwanted publications are surplus government property, agency depositories should heed the rules for disposal and transfers in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Finally, discussion focused on the future of the Federal Depository Library Program and the potential deep cuts in current proposed appropriations for the program. Currently in FY 2000 GPO had been given an appropriation of \$29,986,000 to operate its Superintendent of Documents function (to provide for the cataloging and indexing of government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law). GPO requested \$34,451,000 for FY2001 (which included money for a new edition of the *U.S. Code* and other matters). In May the House Appropriations Committee approved only \$11,606,000 for the program

and proposed terminating the depository distribution of all paper and other tangible publications (leaving GPO Access on the Internet). However, on June 22, 2000, the full House passed a \$25,652,000 appropriation for the program (in H.R. 4516) and the Senate bill proposed a \$30,255,000 appropriation (later passed on July 17, 2000 -H.R. 4516 as amended). The conference report (H. Rept. 106-796) reported on July 26, 2000 showed a figure of \$27.9 million, a budget cut of some \$2 million from the present FY 2000 budget. It is unclear with this new figure what FDLP areas may be cut or whether offering depository items in more than one format will cease.

Members of the Federal Law Libraries Section are encouraged to contact their officers for input on this program and its summary or to make suggestions for future FLL programs. Please contact Rick McKinney, President, Federal Law Librarians Section, Assistant Law Librarian, Federal Reserve Board Law Library, 20th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20551, rick.mckinney@frb.gov, 202/452-3283 or Mary Grady, Secretary/Treasurer, Federal Law Librarians Section, Law Librarian, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20560, grady.mary@epa.gov, 202/260-5920. ■

WHEN CAN A DEPOSITORY LIBRARY RESTRICT ACCESS TO PATRONS?

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ACADEMIC/SIS NEWS

Michael Petit
American University,
Washington College of Law

AT THE BEGINNING OF AN ACADEMIC YEAR we all look forward to a new year of activities for the Special Interest Section. There are several events already in the planning stage, including a book repair workshop and a tour of the National Archives. Our annual picnic was held at Catholic University of American Law School on October 13th.

The officers for the 2000-2001 academic year are: Mike Petit, American University, President; Nancy Crossed, American University, Vice-President; and Gordon Van Piel, George

Washington University, Treasurer. I particularly want to thank Gordon for staying on as Treasurer for another year.

This column is intended to keep members informed of happenings within the SIS. If you have any news or information to share, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you have ideas for a program or a brown bag lunch, I am always open for suggestions. So don't be shy! Contact Mike Petit at 202/274-4345, or via e-mail at mpetit@wcl.american.edu with any announcements. ■

INTERLIBRARY LOAN/SIS NEWS

Pete Vay
Williams & Connolly

THE INTERLIBRARY LOAN SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION finished the last year on a high note with several well attended meetings. In March, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering hosted our roundtable discussion on the subject of stress management. April's meeting, at Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White, was a discussion of the Library of Congress' borrowing procedures. Linda Davis, Leslie Diana Jones, and Sharon Lewis-Somers were our special guests in May. This meeting, held at Arent Fox, allowed Section members to give feedback to our guests regarding two of our favorite publications, *Counsel* and the *Union List*. Thompson Coburn hosted the ILL/SIS elections during the last meeting of the year. Congratulations to new officers Michelle Wollman, Vice-President; Greta Patten, Secretary; and Julie Mychalus, Treasurer.

After taking some time off for the summer, the Section has started making plans for this year's meetings. Nineteen members of the Section attended our September "brainstorming ses-

sion" for topics on future brownbag lunch meetings. Several first-time attendees joined the "old veterans" at this gathering hosted by Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering in September.

Below are some of the suggestions discussed:

- Legislative Histories, from compilation to borrowing/lending
- Borrowing from the National Library of Medicine and the Library of Congress
- Internet issues of copyright
- Joint meetings with other sections
- Useful product demonstrations
- Tours of government or academic libraries

Ann Green, LLSDC President, spoke at the October 13th meeting at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. Ann spoke about the history of LLSDC, its structure, committees and Special Interest Sections including the role of the ILL SIS in the chapter. She encouraged SIS members to be active in LLSDC. She passed out Mentoring flyers and raffled off an LLSDC tee shirt. ■

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES/SIS NEWS

Maureen Stellino
Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard,
McPherson & Hand

THIS PAST YEAR WENT MUCH TOO QUICKLY! Suddenly I find myself no longer in the comfortable position of Vice President/President-Elect and assuming responsibility as President of our SIS. Fortunately, I had the good fortune to apprentice under Mindy Klasky and see first hand the myriad of possibilities available to our section. (If you missed the subliminal allusion, Mindy's new book is called "The Glasswrights' Apprentice.")

We had our first Board Meeting on September 13th. Scott Larson (Vice President/President Elect) offered to chair our Social Subcommittee for the coming year and Lisa Harrington (Secretary) will head the Education Subcommittee. Andrea Bender (the Treasurer), and I complete the PLL Board for 2000/2001. Our goals are:

1. to offer educational programs which help us grow professionally as private law librarians; and
2. to hold social events so we can get to know each other better outside the office setting.

If you have any suggestions and ideas for specific social events and/or topics for educational brown bag meetings, call Scott at 202/789-6166 or Lisa at 202/457-5911. If, by chance, you "forgot" to volunteer for one of the committees, I'm sure they could find a spot for you.

Do any of you have ideas for new projects you'd like the Private Law Libraries SIS to sponsor? Contact me at 202/371-6153 to discuss them. I look forward to working with all of you. Together we can make this year a success! ■

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Nancy Benning, formerly with Perkins Coie, is now at home parenting at 12722 Millstream Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Her phone number is 301/464-3107.

Christine Chapdelaine is now the Legislative Librarian for Miller & Chevalier. Her new phone number is 202/626-6075.

Jennifer Eckel is the new Librarian at Dorsey & Whitney. She can be reached at 202/842-8970.

Lynn K. Hartke, formerly at Marquette University, is now at Saint Louis University, 3700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118. She is the Reference/Educational Services Librarian and can be reached at 314/977-2756. Her e-mail address is hartkelk@slu.edu.

Laurie Green, formerly at Oppenheimer Wolff, is now at Holland & Knight. Her e-mail address is ALGREEN@HKLAW.COM and her phone number is 202/457-7172.

Steve Mellin has been promoted to Information Services Manager at Jenner & Block.

Melanie F. Michaelson is the Reference Librarian at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP. Her new phone number is 202/887-4478 and can be reached via e-mail at Mmichaelson@Akingump.com.

Anne L. Salzberg is now the Librarian at Reed, Smith, Hazel & Thomas in Falls Church, VA. Contact her at 703/641-4288 or via email at alsalzbe@rsm.com.

Mabel Shaw is now the Assistant International and Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University's Edward Bennett Williams Library.

News of promotions at Latham & Watkins: **J.O. Wallace** is now the Librarian.

Ruth McKeen is the Information Services Manager and **Bob Oakes'** new title is Director of Libraries, Records, Dockets and Conflicts. Phone numbers remain the same.

Changes at McKenna & Cuneo: **Kate Martin** is the Director of Library Services, replacing **Rita Kaiser**. **Kate** can be reached at 202/496-7752. Her e-mail address is kate_martin@mckennacuneo.com. **Rita** is now working at King County Law Library in Seattle, WA. **Tina Raney** has also left McKenna.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Mirta Adams, Research Specialist, Kirkland & Ellis.

Maurice Allen, Library Assistant, Hopkins & Sutter.

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Aurora B. Herrera, Serials Supervisor, Howard University School of Law, Allen Mercer Daniel Law Library.

Marci Hoffman is the International & Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University Law Center's Edward Bennett Williams Library.

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Kristin R. Humphreys, Reference Specialist, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP.

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