MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

The Chapter held its annual business meeting on September 25, 1979 and elected the following officers for the 1979-81 term: Pat Dolan, President; Pat Petersen, Vice President; and Sharon Born, Secretary-Treasurer. New Committee chairpersons were appointed and the newly formed committees began working on a schedule of activities for our local chapter.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Raeann Palmer, has been busy compiling our new directory which will include the names of eighty-three members from six different states as well as seven life members.

The Program Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Kelley, planned the annual Christmas Party, a February dinner meeting followed by a talk and slide presentation on Mainland China and their current legal system; and an April dinner meeting followed by a panel presentation on continuing education requirements for the Minnesota State Bar and the various CLE programs available within the state. In addition, members of the Program Committee are working with librarians from other Minnesota library and information associations on the 1981 Minnesota All Association Conference scheduled from April 29 through May 2, 1981 in Minneapolis. Arrangements are being made for a dinner program and speaker to coincide with the conference and Law Day 1981.

The Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Marvin Anderson, planned two spring workshops: Assertive Communications for Law Librarians: a program for public, academic and law firm librarians to improve communications; and a Day at the Minnesota Supreme Court. In addition, Committee members are planning a nine week legal bibliography institute for the fall of 1980.

A new committee, the Public Services Liaison Committee, chaired by Barbara Golden, was formed during the past year to improve communications between law and public librarians in an effort to provide the public with greater access to legal information. This committee has compiled a Union List of Looseleaf Services, drafted a public reference policy entitled: Guidelines for Legal Reference Services, and plans to make them available to public librarians.

The Mall Newsletter edited by Anne Grande and Margaret Hall and the Publicity Committee chaired by Ann Evans continue to do a fantastic job keeping Mall members informed on all Mall activities, other continuing educational and professional activities within the metropolitan area and new developments within the legal field.

Due to the dedicated efforts and work of many of its members, the Mall Chapter has enjoyed an interesting and successful year.

Pat Dolan, President

OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

ORALL gathered for its fall meeting at Kings Island Inn near Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 11-13, 1979. The topic was “Micrographics in the Law Library.” Speakers for the program were Harold Gustafason of Assured Micro Services, Larry Block of University Microfilms, Jerry Dupont of the University of Hawaii School of Law Library, Marjorie Wilcox of the Grand Rapids Bar Association Law Library, and Henry Tseng of Capital University Law School Library. Also, an assessment of educational needs for ORALL was carried out under the direction of Anita Morse, Beth Gwynn, Peter Kempel and Linda Schweizer. The following officers were elected for the 1979-80 year: Kathy Welker—President, Cathy Gillette-Vice-President/President-Elect, Lane Fichtenau—Secretary, Robert Begg—Treasurer, Virginia Capute—Executive Board Member.

At a March Executive Board Meeting, the Public Access to Legal Information Committee was established with Anita Shew as Chairperson. The committee will initiate a study of legal resources now available to the general public in the ORALL region. The Audio-Visual Committee was abolished. Plans are also underway to publish and sell the ORALL Model Bibliography.

On May 22-24, the spring Meeting will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The topic of the meeting will be “Management of Online Law Library Reference Services.” In addition to representatives of LEXIS and WESTLAW, speakers will include Diane Schwartz, Phyllis Hartke, Leslie Bitman and Vivian Balester of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Anita Morse of Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library, and Anita Shew of Butler County Law Library Association.

Plans are well underway for upcoming meetings. A Chapter Breakfast will be held on Monday, June 23, at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. The fall Meeting is being planned for October 9-11 in conjunction with MichALL in Detroit and will serve as a dress rehearsal for the
Local Arrangements Committee of the 1982 AALL Annual Meeting.

Kathy Welker, President

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

The Southeastern Chapter held a business meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California, July 3, 1979. The agenda included the announcement of the Lucille Elliott scholarships awarded to Martha Rush, Carole Knobil, and Claire Germain, the establishment of a Constitution Committee, as well as other Chapter business.

The Broadwater Beach Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi was the site of the annual Chapter Meeting/Institute August 12-14, 1979. Approximately sixty members were in attendance. The program featured such timely topics as Energy Law, AACR2, On Becoming a Government Depository, Law Book Conservation and Indexing Legal Memoranda. At the business meeting, AALL President Connie Bolden reported on Association activities and about the necessity of creating the position of Executive Director for the national Association. Changes in the Chapter Constitution were also discussed with the vote being delayed until a later date.

The next meeting of the Southeastern Chapter is scheduled for June 25, 1980 at the Chase-Park Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri.

Anne H. Butler, President

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND LAW LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

The Southern New England Law Librarians Association held three meetings during 1979/1980. On September 26, 1979, a workshop on Connecticut legislative history was conducted by President Susan Southworth at the Connecticut State Library. A dinner at the Yale Law School on November 6th was followed by a talk by Professor Leon Lipson on East-West relations. The University of Connecticut School of Law hosted our final meeting on May 14, 1980 at which the film Younger on Evidence was shown.

Frances Woods, Vice-president

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

SWALL changed its name officially from Southwestern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries to Southwestern Association of Law Libraries at the annual meeting held in Houston, April 9-12, 1980. An outstanding program on “Economy in Law Libraries” was presented by the Program Committee, chaired by D. A. Divilbiss. AALL President Connie Bolden addressed the meeting and reported on the White House Conference on Libraries, as well as on developments at the national level. The Houston Oaks Hotel was the site of the meeting, coordinated by Jon Schultz and the Local Arrangements Committee. President Jane Olm presided at the business meeting, at which the membership voted to hold future meetings early in the week instead of toward the weekend, thereby avoiding conflicts with other meetings. Life membership was extended to Ruth Lindsey, retired librarian of the Arkansas Supreme Court Library, and Dorothy Warden, who has retired from the University of New Mexico Law Library. Elected to office were Bob Grundy, Vice-President/President-Elect; Carolee Tolotti, Treasurer; and Melanie Nelson, reelected to another two-year term as Secretary. Velvet Glass was presented a framed certificate for outstanding service as Secretary-Treasurer, 1977-78; Treasurer, 1978-80. D. A. Divilbiss was installed as President.

An arduous and time-consuming task, that of selecting a site for the 1983 Annual Meeting of AALL, was accomplished by SWALL. Local groups of law librarians in several major cities expressed tentative willingness to consider issuing an invitation, but there was a common obstacle among the groups—that of the lack of a person able to commit the necessary time and energy to coordinating local arrangements. A generous offer by Jon Schultz, Director of the University of Houston Law Library, and his Dean, George W. Hardy, III, allowed the Houston Area Law Librarians to extend a formal proposal. The School of Law will provide funds for hiring help with the local arrangements—presumably a law librarian—for several months prior to and during the meeting.

SWALL’s long-range plans for a continuing education program and for formal interlibrary cooperation are beginning to take shape. President Bolden praised SWALL for being among the first chapters in AALL to incorporate substantive programs into its meetings.

The next meeting will be in Albuquerque in March 1981, with a breakfast planned for members attending the national meeting in St. Louis in June.

Jane Olm, President