President’s Message

Reflecting over the past year reminds me how fortunate VALL is to include so many members devoted to librarianship and willing to assume leadership roles in the organization. I have felt privileged to serve as your president. During my recent family loss and personal illness, Cathy Palombi graciously assumed my role. She led the winter business meeting in Norfolk. Thank you, Cathy. I also deeply appreciate the expressions of sympathy and support from members of VALL.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of VALL who contributed this year to our association. The members of the VALL Executive Board (Charles Oates, Cathy Palombi, Tisha Zelner, Bill Katz, Allen Moye, Jeanne Ullian, Margaret Christiansen, and Marie Hamm) deserve special recognition for their leadership roles. Appreciation is also due to committee members and chairs (Rae Best, Joyce Janto, Leann Battle, Isabel Paul, Robert Davis, Gail Zwirner, Barbara Cumming, John Barden, Cathy Palombi, Taylor Fitchett, Barbie Selby, and Marie Hamm) for their accomplishments. Marie Hamm and Margaret Christiansen are to be commended for their excellent work over the past two years as co-editors of our newsletter.

Meetings not only provide opportunities to enhance our professional skills, they promote a spirit of cooperation among our members. The VALL meeting on February 27 provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Virginia’s criminal justice system. Joe Migliozzi, regional capital defender (Norfolk), gave an interesting and informative

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presentation on the history and status of the capital defender program in Virginia. Laurie Claywell hosted the well-attended meeting at Kaufman & Canoles, where we were treated to beautiful winter views of downtown Norfolk. We were delighted to have Cathy Lemann, AALL secretary, attend the meeting as our AALL chapter visitor.

Many members of VALL attended the 2004 SEAALL Annual Meeting, "Virginia is for Law Librarians," held in Richmond on March 25-27. There was a diverse selection of educational programs. Hazel Johnson and Timothy Coggins served as co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. Attendees enjoyed an evening reception at the SunTrust Tower overlooking Richmond and the James River and a dinner at the beautiful Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

The next VALL meeting will be held on Friday, May 14, in Lexington. Cathy Palombi and her program committee are planning another excellent program; the registration form and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Kathy L. Mays, director of judicial planning at the Supreme Court of Virginia, will attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston July 10-14 as our chapter VIP. VALL members appreciate the many opportunities Kathy has provided for law librarians to participate in judicial planning.

The AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee (chaired by Gail Warren) has exciting plans for the Boston meeting, "Boston to Mumbai: The World of Legal Information." The VALL summer luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

Thanks to the nominations committee (Jill Burr, Lyn Warmath, and Rae Ellen Best), VALL has an impressive slate of new officers: Marie Hamm as vice-president, Leann Battle as secretary, and Theresa Schmid as board member. Future plans promise another good year for VALL with Cathy Palombi assuming the presidency and Bill Katz and Jeanne Ullian continuing to serve as treasurer and board member, respectively. As past-president, I look forward to serving on the VALL board.
Jim Heller Named as Recipient of 2004 Service to SEAALL Award

Contributed by Donna Bausch

The Service to SEAALL Committee had way too easy a job this year. The clear choice for the award was the well-known lyricist of the much-loved tune “Weed-O”, Virginia’s own Jim Heller.

Although some know Jim best for his take on Versace and weeding, expressed in song and dance, or for his role as the host of the SEAALL Family Feud, Jim has done so much for SEAALL over the years that it’s impossible to individually cite his myriad contributions.

Tim Coggins may have said it best when he pointed out that Jim’s “skeptical nature” has helped SEAALL (and VALL and AALL and the profession) to do things better. His “constant questioning of almost everything” is a wonderful attribute for a leader. Just because “something has always been done this way” does not make it right, and Jim has never been afraid to challenge the status quo. His approach to leadership and librarianship is a breath of fresh air and has made the organizations with which he has been affiliated better than before he took their helm.

Although he may be tough-minded when it comes to management, he is also the most supportive colleague imaginable. Many VALL and SEAALL members have benefited from Jim’s common sense mentorship.

His sense of fun, skeptical nature and collegiality make Jim the one of a kind law library leader who serves as a true role model for others. Add to these ingredients his depth of knowledge and research in intellectual property law and his advocacy of advanced legal research instruction and you’ve got a small sense of why the committee selected Jim Heller to receive the 2004 Service to SEAALL Award.
A New Era for the VALL Newsletter

by Marie Summerlin Hamm, VALL Newsletter Co-editor

For the past two years, Margaret Christiansen and I have enjoyed the distinction of serving as co-editors of the VALL Newsletter.

Though it scarcely seems possible, this will be our final issue. There are so many who deserve our thanks. Charles Oates was instrumental in our decision to share the role of editor. Bobbie Denny, Jill Burr, and Donna Bausch were a constant source of encouragement, support, and ideas. We are especially indebted to the many talented VALL members who contributed articles.

This will also be the final print issue of the VALL Newsletter. Our predecessor, 2000-2002 Editor James Wirrell, published an article entitled Electronic Newsletters: Your Window Into AALL in his final issue (Vol. 17, No. 4). In that article, James noted that many AALL chapters had made the transition to an electronic newsletter format. Though the article did not specifically advocate that VALL make a similar move, the idea was intriguing. After much discussion, it was decided that print distribution would continue, with an enhanced electronic version of the Newsletter posted on the VALL website. The “e-version” of the VALL Newsletter made its debut in Summer 2003. The response was overwhelming. Members raved about the more visually appealing layout, the convenience of hyperlinks, and instant access to archived issues. After nearly a year of both print and electronic distribution, the VALL membership voted in favor of electronic-only at the 2004 Winter Quarter Meeting.

Margaret and I are delighted that Michael Klepper, Communications Librarian at the University of Virginia’s Arthur J. Morris Law Library, will be our successor. Michael, who served as the 2002-2004 editor of SEAALL’s Southeastern Law Librarian, was instrumental in leading that publication’s transition from print to electronic-only distribution. With Michael’s talent, experience, and enthusiasm, we are confident that the VALL Newsletter is in good hands.

Out with old and in with the new!
Incoming Editor
Michael Klepper
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2002-2004
Co-editor Marie Hamm.
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Although every SEAALL conference is memorable, the Richmond meeting will truly be a hard act to follow. Not only were the programs relevant, timely and well-executed, but the social events were wonderful, as well. It was fortunate that Spring graced central Virginia at just the right moment to make our outings even more enjoyable.

The Local Arrangements Committee, led by Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins, and ably assisted by Deborah Bartlett, Joyce Manna Janto, Theresa Schmid and Cynthia Smith, was lauded by all for their attention to detail, creativity and sincere hospitality.

VALL was well-represented on the program committee by Jim Heller, who brought us the keynoter, noted civil liberties advocate, David Baugh. Baugh’s witty, insightful and thought-provoking remarks set the stage for a conference that engaged our intellect and our passions. His observation that the only statue of a “winner” on Monument Avenue was of Arthur Ashe should let you know that everyone in the audience was fired up one way or the other by this keynote presentation.

VALL members who served as program presenters included Jim Heller, Tim Coggins, Cindy Smith, David Mason, Hazel Johnson and Terry Long. I was privileged to attend Tim and Cindy’s excellent program on Bankruptcy and Securities Research. As a reminder, Tim’s recent Virginia Lawyer article on bankruptcy research served as the basis for his presentation, and the article is worth bookmarking for future reference.

Virginia’s academic law libraries served as sponsors for a portion of the conference and the entire staff of the University of Richmond Law Library was omnipresent, pitching in on every detail to make the conference run smoothly. There was good attendance by VALLers, as we were pleased to take advantage of this wonderful conference in our own backyard. Overheard were positive remarks by the many first-time SEAALL attendees expressing the determination that this would be the first of many SEAALL conferences to come.

Perhaps the proudest moment for VALL was the presentation of the 2004 Service to SEAALL Award to Jim Heller, by Past President Sue Burch. Although the Awards committee considered a reprise performance of Jim’s oldie but goodie “Weedo”, it was determined that the early morning audience may not have been ready for this after our lavish BNA-sponsored reception the evening before. Nevertheless, VALL is proud of Jim and of the wonderful conference that proved, once again, that “Virginia is for Law Librarians.” Was there ever any doubt?

Although the old joke in Atlanta was that the only good thing that ever came out of Alabama was I-20, I hope you’ll mark your calendar to join SEAALL as it journeys to Montgomery, Alabama’s capital, April 13-16, 2005.
Leanne Battle, Cathy Palombi, Marie Hamm are caught on camera by incoming Newsletter Editor Michael Klepper.

Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins, did an outstanding job as co-chairs of the SEAALL Local Arrangements Committee!

First time attendee Eric Kistler, who serves as Information Services Librarian at Liberty University Law Library with Gail Zwirner.

Taylor Fitchett and Marty Rush enjoy a few moments of conversation between sessions.
Newer Law Librarians
Register for CONELL Now!

What is CONELL?

The Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) is held every year at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference. CONELL welcomes newer members of the profession to the organization, introduces them to the Association and its leaders, and provides a setting for newer members to become acquainted with each other. Participants have an opportunity to talk with representatives from AALL’s many Committees and Special Interest Sections to find out firsthand how to get involved and enjoy the benefits of Association membership. CONELL offers a chance to learn about the Association while meeting new people and having some fun.

The 2004 CONELL Program:

This year, CONELL will be held on Saturday, July 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The morning features presentations from experienced AALL members, and open sessions with AALL experts from various areas of law librarianship and with chapter, SIS and committee representatives.

After lunch in the Sheraton Boston Hotel, the afternoon will be devoted to a guided tour of Boston, including Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and the Waterfront. Participants will be able to walk into the North End, Boston’s famous Italian neighborhood, and visit the Old North Church, where the lanterns were hung to signal the beginning of Paul Revere’s ride.

For the first time this year, CONELL will sponsor “Dutch Treat Dinners” at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9. These dinners will give CONELL participants a chance to meet each other and members of the Mentoring Committee before the beginning of the official conference.

How to Register for CONELL:

Be sure to register for CONELL when you submit your AALL Annual Meeting and Conference registration: http://www.aallnet.org/events/04_registration.asp

Preregistration is required by June 4, 2004: $100.00

Learn More about CONELL:

To learn more about CONELL, visit the Mentoring Committee’s website: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/

The Association gratefully acknowledges West for its support of this program.
What a weekend! The Lady Gophers, my (birth) home team, advanced to the Final Four; Richmond suffered its worst fire since the Civil War; and I rounded out my six-year adventure as a first-time attendee at conferences which have included MLA, SLA, VALL, AALL, and finally SEAALL (Richmond) 2004.

Format makes a difference—a library truism. Well, I think the same can be said about conferences. Lacking only a sandy beach, SEAALL provided amenities similar to those found at the popular all-inclusive resorts, thereby freeing attendees to fully participate in the conference. Kudos go to the Local Arrangements Committee, headed by the remarkable team of Hazel Johnson and Timothy Coggins—VALL members of course.

The Omni Hotel, conveniently located in Richmond’s Shockhoe Slip Historic District, allowed one to escape to the nearby shops or take a quick walk along the Kanawha Canal without missing scheduled events. Lunch served on the balcony of the glass-walled and ceilinged atrium made being “in” on the nicest day of spring, 2004 bearable. All of this convenience fostered networking by keeping the group together without making anyone feel captive. Attendees were mixed together at the round dining tables, on the bus to the Saturday evening Virginia Museum of Fine Arts reception/dinner, in the centrally located Vendor Exhibition area, in the scheduled programs, and within the geographical perimeters of the hotel. The lines between professional education and social relaxation crossed beautifully in this manageable group of just less than 200 interesting people.

My weekend included the Thursday Institute entitled “The Basics of Negotiating.” Even though I had participated in a shorter version of Professor John Douglass’s course at a VALL meeting, I felt it was worth repeating both for the content and as part of a conference strategy that helps me break into large groups more quickly and successfully. Through pre-conference interactive, intensive courses I get to know a core group of attendees and gain the confidence to walk into the larger group knowing there will always be a few familiar and friendly faces in the room with whom I have shared a common experience. From that point, it is easier to slowly expand my circle of colleagues.

SEAALL provided a full schedule of great programs. I would like to focus on two: “Effective Management of Employees” and “Using an Extranet.”

Marcia Burris (Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC) first came to my attention at the Thursday Institute where she served impressively as the principal spokesperson in the peace-keeping negotiations between my country of BETA and her country of ALPHA. Her good judgment and listening skills surfaced again in her comments concerning “Effective Management of Employees.” She,

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We’ve heard lots of times about the value of microform as a means of preservation. Who wouldn’t be impressed? Studies suggest that microform (meant to include both roll microfilm and microfiche sheets) will last up to five hundred years (some say one thousand years) if stored “under proper conditions.” However, problems may arise, and it pays to learn a little about what may be happening in your nice, neat microform cabinets when your back is turned.

There are two main types of microforms in use in law libraries today: silver halide, which, as its name suggests, contains a silver compound; and diazo, which uses diazonium salts to make the image. While both are perfectly functional, silver halide is the only one truly deemed archival, since diazo is subject to fading when exposed repeatedly to light. Guidelines on long-term life of diazo film indicate that each sheet should be exposed to strong light (i.e., projected) no more than three hours in a hundred years. While that may not seem like a lot, remember that most single microform images are not projected for more than a few minutes by each user. Diazo film life can be extended, therefore, by encouraging users to scan or print working copies from the microform, rather than lengthy reading on the screen.

A third type of microfilm—vesicular—deserves to have a stake driven through its heart. Vesicular film generally appears to have a milky green or blue background (for ACC fans, we’re talking “Carolina blue,” not “Duke blue”). The film contains a layer of tiny bubbles (vesicles) that respond to light to create the image. Vesicular film is subject to loss of image by the bubbles getting crushed, as well as release of hydrogen chloride gas which can corrode cardboard containers and metal cabinets! Thankfully this type has not been widely used for major microform sets. A recent spot-check of the collection at the University of Richmond Law School Library revealed no holdings. However, you may find examples in your collection if the set was done locally or copied from another microform source.
along with her co-presenters, stressed the importance of believing (even if it means forcing yourself) that all employees want to do a good job. Creative, yet realistic suggestions included one in which an employee was asked to “pretend to be happy” at least while in the workplace. As a result of “pretending” the employee seemed to actually “be happier.” Apparently this session hit on subjects near and dear to library administrators as I see it is already on the list of possible sessions for the Montgomery meeting.

Hazel Johnson (as if she did not have enough to do!) teamed up with David Mason (both from McGuireWoods LLP) for the presentation: “Using an Extranet.” As a solo, in a 30-attorney firm, sessions like this are my window to the world of larger law firms. I have learned not to be intimidated when Nina Platt of Faegre & Benson LLP (Minneapolis) talks about her KM initiatives and staff numbering in the double-digits. Within the “shock and awe” there is always something applicable to our firm. Plus these presentations provide the graphics I need to put into concrete terms the jargon I encounter on these topics in professional publications. Hazel and David took us behind the firewall of their firm to demonstrate the real-world application of an Extranet for librarians. I hardly need such a thing to communicate with myself, but databases and procedures they described do have relevance. As a librarian any document database with full-text searching draws my attention.

It would be a great oversight not to mention the elegant and relaxing Opening Night Reception at the SunTrust Building. For those of us who cannot eat and talk while juggling plates of food and glasses of wine, the luxury of tables and chairs and plenty of room with a great view of the city freed us to sit down, relax, and enjoy the social networking opportunity.

Final thoughts: SEAALL funds are in good hands. Treasurer Ismael Gullon, responded to AALL Representative Al Podboy’s query concerning a loan to AALL by quoting interest at 22%. David Baugh, the slightly irreverent Keynote Speaker, confirmed that someone in Richmond is alive and willing to take a stand. Perhaps we should have sent him over to motivate the budget impasse on the hill. Can you believe the report from Terry Long—“no bylaws changes!” And finally what a great welcome pack—an inscribed Jefferson Cup and a bottle of University of Richmond specialty water. My sights were not set on Montgomery before this meeting. Now I think SEAALL 2005 would be hard to miss.
Another problem arises from the deterioration of older microforms that utilized a cellulose acetate film base. This base can turn into acetic acid (i.e., vinegar), yielding an unpleasant odor. The problem can spread throughout a collection, so any affected film should be removed as soon as detected. Fortunately, cellulose acetate base was largely replaced by more stable polyester in the mid-1950s.

How about storage? The primary considerations are cabinet, conditions, and contiguity. Specially-built microform cabinets allow relatively compact, efficient, dark storage of large quantities of film or fiche. In addition, painted-metal cabinets will not interact with the microforms (with the exception of deteriorating vesicular film, mentioned above). The optimum environmental conditions prescribed for long-term microform storage (not including color and other special formats) are 70 degrees F. and 20-30 percent relative humidity. While the temperature is fairly easy to attain, the relative humidity range may require special equipment in our humid Virginia summers. Stability of conditions is also key in avoiding such problems as condensation.

Finally, different compositions of microform should not be stored contiguously. Ideally, each type should have its own cabinet, but this is hardly practical in a classified collection. At the very least, vesicular microform and anything smelling “vinegary” should come out immediately. Silver halide and diazo may be stored in the same cabinet, so long as acid-free paper dividers and sleeves are used to keep them from direct contact. When in doubt, separate!

Knowing a little about your microforms can add centuries to their useful lives, and countless generations of your successors will bless you for prudent steps taken now. (OK, a little hyperbole never hurt anyone!)

Please join Brian Murchison, Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law at W&L School of Law, for a discussion of invasion of privacy. Professor Murchison is a media law and first amendment scholar who specializes in contemporary problems in law and journalism.

The program, *The Case of the Eccentric Ex-Prodigy*, is a look back at the celebrated privacy case involving the New Yorker magazine and a look forward to the U.S. Supreme Court's possible direction in invasion of privacy cases. In preparation, you are asked to read the case Sidis v. F.R. Pub. Corp., 113 F. 2d 806 (2d Cir. 1940) and the *New Yorker* article, “Where are They Now” at [http://law.wlu.edu/library/sidis/sidisarticle.pdf](http://law.wlu.edu/library/sidis/sidisarticle.pdf).

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The lunch will be a buffet in the Law School’s Faculty Lounge, and is being generously subsidized by LEXIS (thank you!). The cost of this program is only $15. Checks need to be made payable to VALL and sent to Sally Wiant by May 10.

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Sally Wiant  
Washington & Lee School of Law Library – Lewis Hall  
Lexington, VA 24450-0303  
Email: wiants@wlu.edu  Phone: 540-458-8543

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Directions to W&L School of Law:: [http://www2.wlu.edu/web/page/normal/272.html](http://www2.wlu.edu/web/page/normal/272.html)
Submissions needed for the VALL Newsletter! We need contributions from VALL members in order to have full and interesting issues. Please submit according to the following schedule:

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VALL WANTS YOU!

Here’s your opportunity to be actively involved in one of the most dynamic chapters of AALL. Sign up to serve on one or more of the following committees and you’ll not only grow professionally, but also have a chance to interact with law library colleagues from across the Commonwealth!

- Grants
- Legal Information Outreach
- Legislative Awareness
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Placement
- Publications
- Public Relations
- Preservation
- Program
- Recruitment
- VLA Liaison

For more information, contact Cathy Palombi at 434-924-3519 or via email at ccp7m@virginia.edu
2004 VALL SUMMER LUNCHEON MEETING

Tuesday, July 13
Noon – 2 p.m.

Skipjack’s Restaurant  (approximately ½ mile from the Convention Center —head East on Boylston and make a right on Clarendon)
199 Clarendon St.
Boston, MA

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Organization________________________________________________________________
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We will order from a limited lunch menu. The cost is $20 per person.

Please make checks payable to VALL and send, along with registration, by June 25 to:

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 Charlottesville, VA  22903

Email:  ccp7m@virginia.edu
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Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting
Kaufman & Canoles, Norfolk, VA
February 27, 2004

Call to Order (Bobbie Denny, President)
The meeting was called to order by VALL Vice President Cathy Palombi.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)
The minutes of the November 6, 2003, business meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Katz, Treasurer)
Bill Katz distributed copies of the treasurer's report for the period May 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004 and called attention to significant receipts and expenditures.

Committee Reports
Grants (Rae Best, Chair)
Donna Bausch reported on behalf of Rae Best.
The application form for grants to attend the AALL annual meeting and conference in Boston on July 10-14, 2004 is available in PDF on the VALL website. There are two grants available through VALL. One is a chapter grant funded by AALL and the other is funded by LexisNexis. Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2004. Grant recipients will be selected by April 9, 2004 and notified immediately by mail or e-mail. Printed grant application forms were also available from Donna at this meeting.

Legal Information Outreach (Leanne Battle, Chair)
The VALL Speakers Bureau will be posted to the VALL website.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)
Information has been distributed via VALL-L.

Membership (Robert Davis, Chair)
Robert Davis was not present.

LexisNexis was thanked for sponsoring the printed VALL Directory for 2003-04. Although printing of the directory is later than usual, it will be printed before the end of VALL's current fiscal year on May 31, 2004.

As of February 2004, VALL had 154 members, including 23 new members. The two newest members are Craig Dove-Isbel with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore and Debra Duck with Williams Mullen. Bobbie Denny and Margaret Christensen each have a copy of the most recent membership list.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)
Michael Klepper, a librarian at University of Virginia's Law Library and immediate past editor of The Southeastern Law Librarian, has tentatively agreed to serve as the next VALL Newsletter editor, on the condition that the format of the newsletter be changed from print and electronic to electronic only. Margaret explained that producing the VALL Newsletter in both print and electronic formats requires twice as much work as publishing in either format alone. Marie explained that a survey she posted to the AALL Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) listserv showed that the majority of AALL chapter newsletters are now electronic. Also, where the newsletter is concerned, VALL is spending more than it receives in order to produce the newsletter in paper form. Paper copies of the newsletter may be printed from the PDF version and made available upon request. The Board recommended to the membership that publication of the VALL Newsletter move to an electronic-only format.

Hazel Johnson expressed concern about members being made aware of each new issue of the newsletter if it were available only in electronic form. Marie addressed this concern by explaining that an e-mail distribution list will be maintained for all VALL members, separate from members voluntary subscription to VALL-L, and that a notification will be sent via e-mail when each new issue of the newsletter is published to the VALL website. Tim Coggins reported that the SEAALL board is going to reconsider whether it made a mistake in moving its newsletter to an electronic-only format. Despite these concerns, a motion was made that the VALL Newsletter become an electronic-only publication and that the decision be revisited if needed. The motion passed.

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Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)
Openings continue to be posted to VALL-L.

Program (Cathy Palombi, Chair)
The spring meeting will be held at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA on May 14, 2004. Sally Wiant is in charge of local arrangements for the meeting. The speaker will be W&L law professor Brian Murchison.

The summer meeting will be held at Skipjack’s Seafood Emporium in Boston from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Registration will be $20.00 per person, to include a choice of soup or salad, entrée, dessert, beverage, and tip. Attendees will be able to order from a limited menu.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)
Sally Wambold reported on behalf of the committee. Anyone with suggestions for preservation activities is encouraged to contact John Barden.

Public Relations (Jill Burr, Chair)
Bobbie reported for the committee. Kathy Mays, Director of Judicial Planning for the Supreme Court of Virginia, has accepted VALL’s invitation to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston as VALL’s Chapter VIP (Valuable Invited Participant).

Nominating Committee
As called for in the Bylaws, the names of the candidates were presented to the membership at this meeting.
- Marie Hamm for Vice President/President-elect
- Leanne Battle for Secretary
- Theresa Schmid for Director

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and approved to accept these nominees to appear on the official ballot.

Publications (Gail Zwirner, Chair)
VALL has contributed two articles to Virginia Lawyer this year. Mark Hedberg, a partner at Hunton & Williams’ Richmond office, will be writing a guide to health law research for the June/July 2004 issue of Virginia Lawyer. The next “all librarian” issue of Virginia Lawyer is scheduled for publication in February 2005. Paul Barron and Gail Warren have been added to the list of contributors for the Feb. 2005 issue of VL.

Recruitment (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)
No report.

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)
No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)
No report.

Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

New Business
Gail Zwirner introduced Caroline Osborne, a new librarian at the University of Richmond.

The SEAALL 2004 Annual Meeting will be held in Richmond on March 25-27, 2004. For more information, visit the SEAALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/2004/index.html or contact either Tim Coggins or Hazel Johnson.

Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.
Spring is almost here! Help a child blossom by donating a book today!


This year's efforts will benefit Read Boston (http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra/ReadBoston/JCSRB.asp)—a city education support initiative whose mission is to ensure that all Boston children are able readers by the time they complete third grade. The programs include: the Family Literacy Program which provides books for classroom libraries and teacher training; the Reading Trail, a family-focused reading program which allows families to borrow books; and the Storymobile which lends books to kids’ camps and summer programs.

Donating is easier than ever. Beginning in March 2004 you will be able to go directly to Amazon.com to view the Book Drive Wish List (http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html/ ref=cm_wl_topnav_gateway/102-1504113-6932918?type=wishlist) and your donation will be shipped directly to the Book Drive team!¹

Other options include bringing your donation with you to the conference, donating at the Luncheon or by sending your donation or a check made out to AALL to:

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c/o Annette Demers  
Harvard Law School Library  
1545 Massachusetts Ave.  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
1-617-495-4531

You can also contact Annette via email: ademers@law.harvard.edu

¹ Go to Amazon.com - Click on top link for "Wish List". Search for AALL Book Drive or Read Boston.
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**TOTAL:** $6,725.00

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**BEGINNING BALANCE:** $8,546.59

**RECEIPTS:** $6,725.00

**EXPENDITURES:** $5,418.92

**ENDING BALANCE:** $9,852.67

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