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The Council of Chapter Presidents has had an eventful and productive year. Members of the Council received four issues of the Council Communique in September, December, March, and June. Kathie Sullivan of ALLUNY was elected Council Chair for 1994-95.

Leadership training for the incoming Council of Chapter Presidents took place on July 9 in Seattle and was presided over by Filippa Marullo Anzalone and Kathie Sullivan. After breakfast with the CONELL participants, the Chapter Council met to exchange chapter biographies, for introductions, and to discuss the chapter handbook. Judy Meadows, AALL Treasurer, presented ideas for managing chapter finances. Kathie Sullivan and Judy Meadows expect to appoint and work with a Council task force to assemble a manual for chapter treasurers of sample financial management policies, procedures, and documents. After a break, the SIS Council joined the Chapter Council for the remainder of the leadership training program. Jim Heller, 1994-95 AALL Education Chair, spoke to the group about Pittsburgh program planning efforts, and Frank Houdek, Public Relations Coordinator, shared ideas about public relations.

Martha Brown, AALL Director of Programs, lectured on management issues. The Council was enthusiastic about Martha's presentation and expressed interest in more management and organizational training. Lunch, with the SIS Council, continued with an interactive organizational skills exercise.

The annual business meeting of the Chapter Council was held in the afternoon of July 9. Patricia Patterson, AALL Board liaison for the Chapter Council for 1994-95, was introduced. Margie Axtmann, 1993-94 AALL Board liaison and Chair of the AALL Long-Range Planning Committee, spoke about AALL's Strategic Plan and its implications for the chapters. Both Susan Dow and Cheryl Nyberg, incoming and outgoing chairs of the Government Relations Committee, spoke about the GRC, legislative monitoring, and what actions the chapters could take in their own states. After the presentations, the meeting was opened for discussion of agenda items and new business. Areas of concern for the Council are:

- That leadership training be extended to incoming vice presidents/presidents-elect.
- Chapter souvenir sales at the AALL annual meeting. Kathie Sullivan intends to work with chapters interested in sales at the annual meeting and the idea of
chapter participation in an AALL store is under discussion.
• Chapter compliance with the membership categories of AALL constitution and bylaws.
• Internal management and chapter governance issues. To this end, Kathie Sullivan expects to have a task force work on standard operating manuals and model policy documents manuals for chapters.
• Vendor membership in chapters.
• The chapters are enthusiastic about the work of the AALL Internet Task Force, and seventeen chapters have appointed Internet buddy coordinators.
• The chapters are excited about the initiatives outlined for them in the Association’s strategic plan and look forward to exploring alternative models for their relationship with AALL. A task force to explore this issue is being formed.
• The issue of AALL chapter visits and their ramifications remains “hot.”

I thank the Council for the opportunity to serve as Chair for 1993-94, and I would like to express my appreciation to the AALL Executive Board and staff for their guidance and support throughout the year. I wish Kathie Sullivan well in her year as Chapter Council Chair.

Filippa Marullo Anzalone, Chair

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

In 1994 ALLUNY marked its fortieth year of meeting as a group in Upstate New York; in addition to planning a special annual meeting to celebrate, the officers and board have been busy documenting and examining current chapter practices to prepare for the future.

The newly created procedures manual was distributed to all officers, board, and committee chairs for the first time. Since October 1993, the grants and scholarships forms and procedures were revised to reflect the new commitment to provide additional funds for educational activities. Procedures to be documented for the manual this year will include a budget process and audit guidelines and legislative monitoring procedures. The manual has been a helpful instrument to those people in new positions in the chapter as well as those who are new to the chapter volunteer pool.

The spring institutes were instated this year. Programs on document retrieval (using Internet or commercial services) and records management were offered in April and were well received.

Chapter bylaws were amended to allow for the Executive Board to operate in a more timely manner, as provided for in the Procedures Manual.

Internet access for members has increased over the last year; programs at the 1993 annual meeting and a spring institute reflected the chapter’s desire to utilize the services of experienced members in the training of new users. The 1994 membership directory will include e-mail addresses for the first time.

The newsletter continues to be the main communication device for the chapter and continues to be well received and supported by the members. New editors (Laurie Hubbard and Ellen Rappaport) will replace Kelley Williams starting in September 1994.

A dues increase was approved by a mail ballot. Dues for active and associate members increased to $20, while student membership remained at $10.

The official ALLUNY t-shirt was developed as a public relations tool and unveiled at the October annual meeting. Colors are gray with a burgundy logo.

While membership has increased only slightly over the last couple of years, we are proud that we have a high rate of renewal of members and, most importantly, a strong volunteer effort.

Kathie Sullivan, President

Atlanta Law Libraries Association

In 1993-94, we held several informative luncheon programs. The topics included medical research, trademark fundamentals, and the Internet. For our November meeting, we had a CD-ROM fair, where various vendors demonstrated their products. After the demos, we had a discussion about the technical issues surrounding CD-ROM implementation. We also had a roundtable discussion that month on the topic of “how to better communicate with departments outside the library.”