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Message from the Chair

1995 promises to be a banner year for LPSS. At the annual conference in Chicago, LPSS will not only celebrate its 20th anniversary with a special breakfast for the membership, but will also present its first-ever pre-conference, "Legal Resources for the Non-law Librarians." The pre-conference is a major undertaking, and much credit is due the pre-conference planning committee that has worked so hard over the past several years to ensure its success

1995 will also be the year for LPSS members to take full advantage of the new LPSS listserv. Established by former LPSS Chair Pat McCandless, the listserv is ours to define and make useful. Also in 1995, LPSS will begin in earnest to explore, through its Ad Hoc Committee on Services to the Academic Community, how we might share our skills and expertise more broadly, especially with other scholarly associations

All of this is but to say that LPSS is a vehicle for broadening professional horizons and a structure for networking with colleagues. Most of all, it is a group of dedicated, friendly and welcoming people. If you haven't been professionally active in LPSS in the past, 1995 would be a good year to explore the possibilities.

--Ron Heckart, Chair, LPSS,
University of California, Berkeley

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LPSS 20th Anniversary Breakfast in Chicago

The annual conference in Chicago will mark the 20th anniversary of the Law and Political Science Section. In celebration of this happy event, there will be a special complementary breakfast for LPSS members. The breakfast (the real thing, not continental!), which has been generously sponsored by Congressional Quarterly, Inc., will be Saturday, June 24th. So come with healthy appetites and some energy to socialize and network with colleagues. The LPSS Executive Board Meeting will follow the breakfast, and LPSS members are urged to stay on and learn about LPSS committees and their activities. This will be an especially fine opportunity for those seeking more active involvement in the section to get acquainted with LPSS. More details about the breakfast will follow in invitations to be mailed to the LPSS membership in the spring. In the meantime, as you begin to plan for the Chicago conference, be sure to reserve Saturday morning for LPSS! (And watch for special LPSS commemorative ribbons for your conference badge!)

--Ron Heckart

LPSS Listserv

The Law and Political Science Section now has a listserv, LPSS-L. The list is designed to promote the sharing of information related to LPSS, as well as to the broader areas of political science and law. We hope to have both Section and non-Section participants, especially faculty and other researchers engaged in the study of the disciplines addressed on the listserv.

The list resides at Ohio State University. One may subscribe by sending e-mail to:

listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu

The subject line should be empty and the body of the message MUST contain only the following line:

subscribe lpss-l First Name Lastname

After one is a subscriber, messages can be distributed to the LPSS-L list by sending e-mail to:

lpss-l@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu

Please remember that both initial messages and replies to the list are sent to every subscriber, not just the individual who posted the message. Subscribers can remove themselves from the list by sending e-mail to:

listserv@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu

The subject line should be empty and the message should read:

unsubscribe lpss-l

Any questions or problems concerning LPSS-L should be referred to Pat

McCandless at Ohio State University Libraries by telephone (614) 292-6151 or via e-mail mccandless.1@osu.edu.

--Pat McCandless, Ohio State University

Report on LPSS Miami Program

On Saturday, June 25, LPSS, the Arts Section, the African-American Studies Section, and GODORT jointly sponsored the program, "Binding Together a Multicultural Society." The featured speaker was Dr. Sheldon Hackney, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition, there were two reactors: Olga Garay from the Miami/Dade Community College, and Dr. Patrick Coggins from Stetson University.

Dr. Hackney viewed this speaking opportunity as a continuation of his "national conversation" about American values announced in November 1993. Dr. Hackney provided a framework for the discussion by raising the questions: What does it mean to be an American in a nation of people from diverse backgrounds?; What holds us together?; What do we value?

He challenged the audience to revitalize their civic life and stated that all Americans, left, right, and center, have a responsibility to examine and discuss what unites us as a country. He also received applause from the audience when he stated that libraries act as a "centering" institution in this national conversation, providing information as well as a forum for discussion.

--Susan Peters, Ph.D., Emory University and
Chuck Spornick, Ph.D., Emory University

GPO Access/ GPO Access Gateways

The Government Printing Office (GPO) has announced the availability of GPO Access databases. GPO Access is the result of the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Enhancement Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-40). The pilot version of GPO Access was made available free of charge to over 1400 Federal Depository libraries across the country in June 1994. By registering with the GPO, each depository library was allowed one free subscription to each of the GPO Access databases. The databases available are the Congressional Record and Index, the Federal Register and Index, and the Enrolled Bills of the 103rd Congress. Additional subscriptions can be purchased for \$375 per year, per database.

In October, 1994, GPO offered the opportunity to become a GPO Access Gateway to depository libraries across the country. The Gateways will allow access to the GPO Access databases for multiple users through either telnet or gopher. The databases will be available 24 hours a day.

The first Gateway to be fully functional is the Columbia Online Information Network (COIN) at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, Missouri. This Gateway is being co-sponsored by the University of Missouri at Columbia. COIN can be accessed by dialing (314) 884-7000 or by telnet to 128.206.1.3.

Additional Gateways are ready to go at the Seattle Public Library, the California State Library, and at the University of Illinois at Chicago. University libraries in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C., are also in the process of creating Gateways.

Databases being considered for inclusion in GPO Access are the Code of Federal Regulations and the U.S. Code. The Federal electronic information storage facility and the Federal electronic information locator are also planned for inclusion in GPO Access. For more information about GPO Access, contact the GPO Access User Support Team at (202) 512-1530 or by e-mail at help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov.

--Maurie Caitlin Kelly, University of Illinois at Chicago

Committee for Services to the Academic Community

The Committee will be examining ways to establish networks among LPSS librarians and librarians who have specialized libraries in related subject areas including international affairs, public affairs, public policy. The focus is on the use of electronic and hypertext media to communicate with the academic community to provide services beyond the walls of our individual libraries. The Midwinter meeting of the committee will be held on Saturday, February 4th, from 11:30am-12:30pm.

--Caroline Tibbetts, University of Pittsburgh

Internet Sites of Interest

Department of State Foreign Affairs Network: [gopher dosfan.lib.uic.edu](gopher:dosfan.lib.uic.edu)
Contains full text of press releases, Dispatch, and more.

Government Publications Network: [telnet kraus.com](telnet:kraus.com)
Includes catalogs for U.S., HMSO, and EC publications.

**Annual Executive Board Meeting,
Minutes, Miami, June 25th, 1994
9:30 am-11:00 am**

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of Midwinter 1994 were approved as submitted.

2. Revision of Section By-laws--Ron Heckart

The proposed by-law revisions were not on the Spring ballot because they need to be approved by the ACRL Bylaws Committee before being placed on the ballot. Another attempt will be made for Spring 1995. (The primary purposes of the revisions are to simplify and clarify the Bylaws.)

3. ACRL Activities Section Council Update--Ron Heckart.

There was no update as Ron was unable to attend.

4. Section Review Update--Susan Peters and Judy Solberg

Susan Peters presented the Section Review, which incorporated changes in the form from ACRL. After some discussion, the Review was approved as corrected. There was some discussion of encouraging more active cooperation among the sections with co-sponsorship of programs, to reduce the number of similar programs; to coordinate goals within ACRL sections; and to make more efficient use of resources, particularly financial.

5. LPSS Newsletter--Cathy Doyle

Cathy Doyle announced that Pat McCandless arranged for an interview with a candidate for editor of the Newsletter. Cathy

mentioned it would be helpful if the editor had more powerful software than WordPerfect for desktop publishing, such as PageMaker.

6. Conference Program, Miami--Chuck Spornick

Chuck summarized the conference to be held Saturday afternoon, and said it should be lively.

7. Meeting Schedule--Ron Heckart

There will be a membership promotion event, breakfast, instead of a conference program. After some discussion, there was a general consensus that two meetings were necessary for executive business, with review of conference activities and general discussion saved for the second meeting.

8. Committee Reports

a. Library Instruction--Bill Orme

Laura Bartolo is the new committee chair; the committee will produce a pathfinder for the Chicago pre-conference; and that there will be a discussion program at Midwinter.

b. Membership--Cathy Doyle

Judy Solberg produced a new LPSS brochure. The brochure, for which the printing was donated by the University of Maryland, may be revised for the 20th anniversary next year.

c. Program Planning, Chicago--Chuck Spornick

Ron announced that because LPSS is sponsoring a pre-conference, there will be no program, but there will be a breakfast

instead. ACRL is donating \$400 for ribbons or stickers to publicize the 20th anniversary. LPSS may choose colors, etc., and the vendor for producing the ribbons. The breakfast, to be held Saturday morning is being funded by CQ, at a cost of \$1000, and will be at the Palmer House. Invitations will be sent to LPSS members, former LPSS chairs, and probably ACRL officers. The breakfast will be followed by the Executive Committee Board Meeting. It is hoped those attending the breakfast will stay for the meeting.

d. Publications--Cathy Doyle for Pat McCandless

Cathy asked that new addresses, as well as the new committee member forms, be sent to Pat McCandless. Committee membership begins immediately following the annual conference.

e. Pre-Conference Planning--Natalie Schatz

Although much has been completed for the pre-conference, there is still much to be done. Natalie discussed responsibilities with Mary Taylor, the ACRL liaison, to confirm that ACRL is responsible for most of the local arrangements. LPSS may ask a member in Chicago to be a local contact, to review rooms, etc. Publicity is through ALA and the Chicago Public Library. AALL has endorsed the pre-conference; Laura Bartolo is working with PLA and possibly Wilson for publicizing it; advertising will also be through ALA's pre-conference programming. ACRL considered the request to waive registration fees for planning committee members, but denied it.

f. Vendor/Publisher Review Committee
--Brian Carpenter

Jo Seik of Wilson will attend the V/PR Committee to lead a discussion in what Wilson looks for in critical reviews of CD-ROMs and online databases.

g. Nominating Committee--Chuck Spornick

Stephen Stillwell is the Nominating Committee Chair, with Steve Atkins and Caroline Tibbetts also serving.

h. Ad Hoc Committee on Services to the Academic Community--Ron Heckart for Laura Bartolo

Ron reported the Committee will meet at Midwinter in Philadelphia.

i. Liaison Reports

Brian reported from GODORT that the disk exchange is available. GODORT asked for co-sponsorship from LPSS for programs celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Public Printer and the 50th anniversary for the UN. LPSS gave a tentative yes.

9. New Business

Ron led a discussion on liaisons with academic associations, suggesting a committee of liaisons by city. LPSS could have at least unofficial representation at APSA conferences from representatives who live in or near APSA conference cities. It was agreed that LPSS create a list of cities for APSA and other organizations' conferences and match with LPSS members who live in those cities.

--Marifran Bustion, LPSS Secretary

**Annual Business Meeting , Minutes,
Miami, June 28th, 1994**

1. Introductions were made.

2. LPSS Committee Reports

a. Library Instruction--Bill Orme

Two projects underway include the pathfinder for the pre-conference at Chicago and the discussion topic at Sunday's meeting. Bill reported that his Midwinter program, "Internet Resources for Law and Political Science", went well despite the location change. The Committee requests suggestions for ways to create easy guides to CD databases. A plan for a guide to NTDB was discontinued due to the number of existing guides.

b. Bibliographies--Brian Carpenter

Brian announced a vendor's fair to be held in Chicago with the pre-conference

c. Planning, Miami--Chuck Spornick

ALA granted \$3,300 for the program, "Binding Together a Multicultural Society: Challenges for Academic and Research Libraries", held on Saturday, 2-4 pm. Reactors to the main speaker, Sheldon Hackney, are still being considered. The event is co-sponsored by GODORT, Afro-American Studies Librarians, and the Arts Section.

d. Planning Chicago--Ron Heckart

Ron announced the breakfast, which will include a brief history of LPSS. A local arrangements volunteer is needed. Plans continue for the Chicago pre-conference, "Taking the Mystery out of

Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians." Caroline Tibbetts, Brian Carpenter, and Vivian Campbell are working on the vendors fair.

e. Review and Planning--Judy Solberg

The Committee is completing work on a draft five-year review, which will be distributed to the Executive Committee before the Miami Conference; after revisions and approval in Miami, the final version will be sent to ACRL by Sept. 1st, 1994.

f. Pre-Conference Planning--Caroline Tibbetts

ALA seems to consider the pre-conference a money maker. It will be co-sponsored PLA and RASD with an endorsement from AALL. Still need a local arrangement contact. Speakers who have been contacted but not confirmed are Jacqueline Orlando, at Capitol Law in Columbus, and Darcy Gurco, Head of Public Services at Georgetown Law. Pathfinders were requested from the Library Instruction Committee for the event. Libraries with appropriate pathfinders could submit them to the Committee. ACRL will publish the speaker's papers.

g. Liaison/AALL--Ron Heckart

Ron Heckart is liaison for AALL. Possible liaisons with GODORT and APSA were also discussed. Judy will attend APSA meetings in Washington, D.C.; Ron will attend when meetings are on West Coast.

h. Ad Hoc Committee--Laura Bartolo

Laura and Caroline Tibbetts discussed establishing goals for this Committee. Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) will be

contacted. Natalie Schatz volunteered to provide brochures and literature on APSIA.

3. *New Business*

The Business Meeting will now be called the General Membership Meeting. The Bibliographies Committee has changed to Vendor/Publisher Review Committee. The changes were approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee also agreed to create a listserv for LPSS, to be moderated by Pat McCandless. Stephen Stillwell's new address is: 2021 Rumson Drive, Arlington, TX, 76006.

--Marifran Bustion, George Washington University

World Wide Web

The WWW which can be accessed using Mosaic software is an excellent resource for information as varied as wetland maps to conference proceedings. Here are some WWW sites which may be of interest.

Supreme Court of Canada Rulings

http://www.droit.umontreal.ca/cgi-bin/SCC_list?1993+a+b+c

Constitution of South Africa (also includes press releases and related info)

<gopher://gopher.ru.ac.za:70/00/South%20Politics/SA%20constitution>

International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)

<http://www.iisd.ca/linkages/cairo.html>

New Publications

Some recently published works related to law and political science include:

U.S. Department of Defense. *Coming in from the Cold War: Military Heritage in the Cold War*. Washington, D.C.:DOD, 1994. (SuDoc: D 1.2:C 67).

One in a series from the Department of Defense Legacy Cold War Project. The object of this project is to "inventory, protect, and conserve" the activities of the DOD during the Cold War.

CIS U.S. Executive Branch Documents, 1789-1909. Congressional Information Service, Inc.

This index and microfiche set includes publications from the Treasury, Commerce, Labor, War, Interior, and Justice Departments, the ICC, and the Library of Congress. Pricing available from CIS.

National Security Archive Index on CD-ROM. Chadwyck-Healey, Inc.

This CD-ROM indexes *The Making of U.S. Policy* microfiche collections from the National Security Archive and Chadwyck-Healey. The microfiche sets cover the Berlin Crisis, Cuban Missile Crisis, the Iran-Contra Affair, and more. Pricing available from Chadwyck-Healey, Inc.

Supreme Court Compendium: Data, Decisions, Developments. By Lee Epstein, Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1994.

In-depth look at the Court and it's cases.

Midwinter Meeting Schedule

Friday, February 3rd

LPSS Social

Library Lounge, Hotel Atop the Bellevue

5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, February 4th

Executive Board

Orlando Program Planning

Services to the Academic Community

Publications

9:30am-11:00am

11:00am-12:30pm.

11:30am-12:30pm

2:00pm-4:00pm

Sunday, February 5th

Review and Planning

Vendor/Publisher Review

Library Instruction

Membership/Chicago Breakfast Planning

9:30am-11:00am

9:30am-11:00am

2:00pm-5:30pm

2:00pm-4:00pm

Monday, February 6th

Business Meeting

Pre-Conference Planning

9:30am-12:30pm

2:00pm-4:00pm

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