CHAIR'S COLUMN
by
Jo Budler, Nebraska, Chairperson

December is quickly approaching and with it the passing of the gavel from the present Chair to the Chair-elect, Marilyn Cathcart. She has been instrumental in the planning and administration of the Annual Professional Development Seminar in both 1992 and 1993. Those of you who know Marilyn already know how lucky we are to have her chairing our staff section. She is the Director of Minnesota Legislative Reference Library and it seems she and her staff are always finding new and innovative ways to use technology to improve library services.

If it seems like it has been a long time since you have received a survey from NCSL and you have begun to really miss these, you will be glad to know that there are two surveys in the works. It has been a long time since we did one and a lot of people have made considerable changes in library operations. You will soon (by year's end) be having a short survey on library administration and the results of the last automation survey to update. Please take the time to carefully fill these out. You know how you love getting the results from these 50-state surveys, here's your chance to contribute and in return be updated on the operations of your colleagues' libraries. Chris Pattarozzi will be collating this information and distributing the results.

I have finally learned how to download from the BBS. Anyone who has not been successful at this, have courage. If I can do it, so can you. Doug Sacarto was a great help to me (he of infinite patience). Please don't hesitate to call him or Chris for help. There is a storehouse of information on the BBS. Earl Graybeal (State Services Organization) is putting his acquisitions list on line (see page 9) as does Marilyn Cathcart. In addition, Marilyn and her staff (MN) are uploading citations of articles in which state by state comparisons appear. We have found these to be quite helpful; an incredible timesaver when it comes to acquisitions!

The year has gone by very quickly. It has been great to serve as Chair of our staff section. I only wish there had been more time to do more projects and more ways to involve everyone in our staff section. Many, many thanks to those who took on nominating committee work, those who continue to work on the periodical indexing project, and those who volunteer to help behind the scenes whenever it is necessary. And thanks to everyone for all the contributions from each of you that make our staff section most active, most cooperative, and most productive!
LRL STAFF SECTION 1993 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
"Connections"
Austin, Texas -- November 4-6
(Updated Agenda)

This year's annual Professional Development Seminar promises to be both enjoyable and informative. We are all looking forward to hearing Dave McNeely, Political Editor of the Austin American Statesman and Paul Burka, Executive Editor of Texas Monthly on the connection between newspapers and legislative libraries, as well as seeing the newspaper scanning technology in use at the Texas Legislative Reference Library. Other highlights are a discussion of the reference uses of Internet and a roundtable on legislative histories.

Training will be offered on Lexis by Mead Data Central and on LEGISNET by NCSL. There will be a tour of the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Texas Legislative Reference Library, and the state capitol undergoing renovation, as well as a demonstration of NCSL's Bulletin Board System (BBS). We will also have lunch on the riverfront and our staff section dinner will be in San Antonio! (This includes all seminar attendees!)

Don't miss this opportunity to update your professional skills and network with your peers! Pre-registration closes October 22nd, but there will be onsite registration Thursday, November 4th.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.  Registration

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  "Hear All About It: Newspapers and Legislative Libraries." Dave McNeely, Political Editor, Austin American Statesman and Paul Burka, Executive Editor, Texas Monthly.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  "Texas Legislative Reference Library Newspaper Scanning Technology: A Demonstration." Sally Reynolds, Director, Texas Legislative Reference Library.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:45 - 3:15 p.m.  "Reference Use of Internet." Mary Ann Rice-Lively, University of Texas; Robbie LaFleur, Minnesota Legislative Reference Library.

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  Lexis training and question session. Julie Mann, Mead Data Central.

7:00 p.m.  Staff Section dinner and evening in San Antonio.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  "Legislative Histories: Processes and Procedures." (Roundtable) Brenda Olds, Texas Legislative Reference Library, and Colette Knisely, Legislative Intent Research.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  "Connecting through NCSL, Nationally and Internationally." Betty King, Secretary of the Senate, Texas; John Turcotte, Director, Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review, Mississippi and Staff Chair of NCSL; Timbe Mtine, Zambian Parliamentary Librarian.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  Luncheon sponsored by Butterworth Legal Publishers.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  LBJ School of Public Affairs and the LBJ Library and Museum: a Tour. Martha Ehlers and Marian Meyers, tour guides.
URDAY, NOVEMBER 6

0:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at the Library, sponsored by Legislative Intent Research.

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting (all welcome)

9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. LEGISNET training

12:00 p.m. Informal tour of Texas Legislative Library and State Capitol and demonstration of the BBS.

LEGISNET TRAINING

There has been a lot of interest in the LEGISNET training to be offered at the professional development seminar in Austin. Those of you who have been reading your LEGISNET Bulletins know that although the new system will not be accessible until early 1994, training on the new system is already being offered.

The three-hour session in Austin will focus on the two major query approaches: (1) using search terms, and (2) using natural language questions. Several laptop computers will be set up so everyone will have a chance to experience the new search methods first hand. Since the complete LEGISNET will not be reloaded until December, the class will be searching a micro-database of LEGISNET materials. Bob Frohling, NCSL, will be teaching the class and welcomes any questions at (303) 830-2200.

U. S. GOVERNMENT GOES ON-LINE

SpeciaList, the newsletter of Special Libraries Association, reports that the future of the Depository Library Program will be discussed in Chicago October 29-31, immediately preceding the full Depository Library Council meeting there November 1-3.

The GPO must conform to the GPO Access bill now enacted as PL 103-40, the "Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993," (also known as the WINDO bill). It was signed into law in June and, although the program is not yet funded, it will "enhance electronic public access to a wide range of federal electronic information."

The White House is now electronically accessible through the Internet, as well as through several commercial vendors. To leave a message, use either PRESIDENT@WHITEHOUSE.GOV or VICE.PRESIDENT@WHITEHOUSE.GOV. There is also currently a pilot project in the U. S. House of Representatives experimenting with constituent E-mail.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTERNET ADDRESS?

As use of the Internet sweeps the nation, we are finding that legislative researchers and librarians would like to use it to contact each other. Starting with publication of the new LRL directory in early 1994, Internet addresses will be included.

Please send us your Internet address, if you have one, and we will also publish it in the Winter edition of NEWSLINE. Forward your Internet addresses to: Chris Pattarozzi, NCSL, 1560 Broadway, #700, Denver, CO 80202.

ELECTRONIC LIBRARIES ARE EVERYWHERE

A recent survey of more than 1,300 librarians concluded that the number of electronic libraries continues to grow. The survey by Information Access Co. indicates:

- More than 80% of public libraries are electronically accessible.
- More than 99% of academic libraries are accessible electronically.
A NEW NAME FOR THE INTERSTATE DOCUMENT EXCHANGE
by Marilyn Guttromson

Following discussion at the NCSL annual business meeting, legislative research librarians decided the time has come to enhance and update the Interstate Document Exchange (State InfoNet). At its first meeting, the new IDE committee decided on a name change for the system: Rather than Interstate Document Exchange (State InfoNet), the system in place since the late 1980's will now be known as the State Information Network.

In 1987, the LRL Interstate Document Exchange Committee named the cooperative program State InfoNet. A State InfoNet brochure was drafted but was never mailed to legislative service agencies or state libraries. The goal of the 1993 committee is to update the brochure and to get it into the hands of persons who can respond. The name was changed to State Information Network to avoid confusion between State InfoNet and State Net. In addition, the committee felt "State InfoNet" implied data base service.

Guidelines for participation by legislative librarians remain the same:
- Send to LEGISNET, National Conference of State Legislatures and to Ed Garner, Council of State Governments, two copies of substantive legislative documents;
- Send to NCSL and to CSG one copy of bibliographies and acquisition lists or checklists and;
- Exchange acquisition lists or checklists with other legislative research librarians.

The National Conference of State Legislatures can receive documents in electronic format.

LSCC MEETING
By Debbie Tavenner

The Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee (LSCC) met in Denver and Cheyenne October 7-9, 1993. John Turcotte, the current chair, is Director, Legislative Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, Jackson, Mississippi. Usually the staff chair from each staff section serves on LSCC, but a change was made at the Annual Meeting in San Diego to ask that two people from each staff section be represented at meetings.

Marilyn Cathcart and I will be representing LRL this year. I was able to attend this first meeting. Three more meetings will be held this year, in conjunction with the NCSL Executive Committee; in Austin, Texas (February 10-12, 1994); Wilmington, Delaware (May 19-21); and in New Orleans at the Annual Meeting on July 24.

LSCC has four task forces. The Civic Education Task Force is new this year, but is an outgrowth of the former Citizen's Education Task Force. Its purpose is to improve the quality of civic education regarding state government through communication with organizations engaged in teaching political science, public affairs, and state and local government. Members are pursuing the possibility of establishing a Scholar in Residence program similar to the Congressional Fellows program and are exploring a role in promoting the study of state and local government at the high school level.

The goal of the International Activities Task Force is to foster communication and assistance between American state legislatures and the legislatures of other countries. In the next year the Task Force will attempt to develop guidelines for members and staff visiting other countries, maintain a sense of order regarding the growing number of visits, develop a curriculum for people hosting delegations, and conduct a training seminar for entertaining international visitors.

The Information Technology Task Force will study use of electronic technology in state legislatures, budget review and oversight of state government information technology and networks, and artificial intelligence applications in state government. The Task Force plans to publish a guide to legislative information technology and sponsor a session on getting state government information to commercial publishers.

The Professional Development Task Force promotes the job of legislative staff as a profession. It oversees the Legislative Staff Management Institute at the Humphrey Institute of Public Policy at the University of Minnesota. This year, plans include starting the publication of a professional code of ethics and finishing a professional development training directory.

LSCC members are also encouraged to attend Executive Committee meetings. I observed the Program Oversight Subcommittee chaired by
Speaker Larry Campbell, Oregon. This committee is considering whether to change AOL and SFA structures. Because there was some disagreement at the Executive Committee meeting in San Diego regarding an AOL/SFA merger proposal, NCSL President Senator Robert Connor, (Senate Minority Whip, Delaware), asked the Program Oversight Committee to do more review. The Executive Committee approved the motion for a joint SFA-AOL meeting in Washington, D.C., in May 1994.

Speaker Campbell plans a careful review of the issue, with input from all who would be affected. A final recommendation is to be presented to the Executive Committee at the Wilmington meeting in May. He formed three subcommittees to look at the problems that led to the recommendations for AOL and SFA structure changes and each subcommittee will meet for one day in Denver between now and February. If anyone is interested in more specific information please contact me via the BBS!

SPECIAL THANKS

behalf of the entire staff section, LRL officers would like to express special appreciation to those generous sponsors who made possible several of our activities at the 1993 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The Monday Staff Section breakfast was sponsored by the Micke Company and was made possible with the help of Philip LaMar, Director of Code Publishing, and Leigh Robinson.

The Tuesday night Staff Section Dinner was sponsored by Mead Data Central with the guidance of Jeff Krattenmaker. We were pleased to help MDC celebrate their 20th Anniversary -- the cake was wonderful!

Wednesday’s luncheon with honored guests from Hungary, Poland, and Albania and speaker Mary Nell Bryant from the Congressional Research Service was sponsored by West Publishing Company. Bob Owens, assistant Editor in Chief, was instrumental in making the luncheon possible.

LRL STAFF SECTION
PROGRAMS AT 1993 ANNUAL MEETING
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA -- JULY 25-29, 1993

Staff Section Business Meeting
The meeting was called to order by Jo Budler, Chair. Marilyn Guttrumson (ND) reported for the Periodical Indexing Committee that they still need one more indexer.

Jane Peterson reported for the Staff Nominating Committee on the 93-94 slate of officers: Marilyn Cathcart (MN) Chair; Debbie Tavenner (OH), Chair-Elect; and Ann Bancroft (NM), Secretary. The nominating report was accepted and the officers elected by a show of hands.

Sally Reynolds (TX) reported on the progress for the ’93 Professional Development Seminar. Interest from the group was strong and it was decided to hold the staff section dinner in San Antonio Thursday, November 4. Survey forms requesting program ideas for the ’94 Seminar were distributed, to be returned to Marilyn Cathcart (MN).

Membership in the International Federation of Library Associations is to be continued. Marcia Hoak (OR) suggested we try to identify librarians in Mexico who might be interested in attending the seminar.

A discussion of the status of the Interstate Document Exchange included guests Ed Garner of CSG, and Pam Greenberg, NCSL. Marilyn Guttrumson (ND) will chair a committee to decide on procedures and a possible name change. An annual summary of LRL activities will be available by November for the seminar.

Parliamentary Libraries in Eastern Europe
James Moldovan of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Library in San Francisco spoke on "Legislative Libraries and Research in the New Democracies of Eastern Europe." His talk focused on Romania, since he has worked in libraries there, both in the 1970's and recently as an ALA Fellow. At the Central University Library he provided staff training. He said that Romania has no true parliamentary library. CRS is assessing the parliamentary library needs there but will not provide assistance until it sees a commitment to democracy. Jim showed a video showing the deplorable conditions of the University Library.
We also had five special guests from Eastern Europe, all working as parliamentary librarians or researchers: Katalin Huraszki and Andrea Varallyai, from Hungary; Malgorzata Korzeniowska and Hanna Popowska, from Poland; and Perikli Polloski, from Albania. They were greeted warmly and encouraged in their professional struggle to acquire current information and make it available to those in need of it.

Their trip was made possible by the Congressional Research Service working with the House Special Task Force on the Development of Parliamentary Institutions in Eastern Europe, otherwise known as the Frost Task Force. The goal of the task force is to assist in the development of parliamentary libraries and in the ability to do research in Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Key speaker at the Wednesday luncheon, sponsored by West Publishing Company, was Mary Nell Bryant, Management Specialist from the CRS. She has made many trips to Eastern Europe in carrying out the recommendations for the task force. She described legislative conditions in the newly democratized countries as being woefully short of current resources and suffering from "book and information hunger." She and Aletta Waterhouse, who also attended from CRS, work to supply eastern Europeans libraries with books and serial subscriptions and to bring librarians over to the U.S. for training.

Update on Copyright Issues
Copyright issues confront most librarians on a daily basis. Georgia Finnegan, President of the Information Store in Sacramento, California, provided some practical guidelines to a concerned audience and dispelled a lot of the myths surrounding this issue.

The debate on copyrights began with the 1976 Copyright Law. Following the passage of the law, the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) was formed. It functions as a liaison between the publishers and those copying the materials, and makes it easier to comply with the law. It is important to note, however, that just because a title is not on the CCC's list doesn't mean that no royalty fees are owed the publisher. It simply means that the publisher does not have the material listed with the CCC.

Ms. Finnegan also pointed out that the copyright law needs to be posted on copiers located in libraries, but simply posting the law does not relieve the library responsibility for law violations committed by others using the machine. Librarians also need to realize they may be responsible for the royalty fees on copied materials they receive from others.

The "rule of five" is a good guideline to follow, though it is often misunderstood. Many people believe that if they make less than five copies of the same article, no royalty fees are owed. In actuality, this may or may not be correct. If they copy from the same title more than five times within a five-year period, royalty fees are owed no matter how many copies are made of an individual article.

The rapid growth of electronic exchange of information promised to further complicate copyright law, and leaves librarians with yet more questions to be resolved.

Developing Reference Services for a New Public Policy Center
John Jewell, Assistant Director for Information Services at the California Research Bureau, gave a presentation on a recent addition to the California State Library known as the CRB. It was created in 1991 at a time of financial difficulties for the state of California. Gary Strong, the State Librarian, envisioned creating a research agency modeled after the Congressional Research Service to complement the House and Senate research staff. He worked with Senator Roberti and Governor Wilson and, by agreement, it came into being at a time when other agencies were facing budget cuts.

The purposes of the CRB are to: provide the Legislature and Governor with nonpartisan research services on matters of current public policy; help maintain a comparatively stable base of experience, institutional memory, and policy expertise to serve changing legislative memberships and administrations; and provide the legislature and administration with state-of-the-art information services. The CRB is divided into five branches, headed by a director appointed by the Governor. In addition to John's branch, Information Services, there are Environment/Resources, Education/Human Services, Economics, and General Law/Government.

John and his staff of "commando librarians" publish a weekly bibliography called "Studies in the News." Major newspapers are scanned daily for accounts of new studies that would be of interest to California
Government officials. The librarians must sometimes use extraordinary methods," such as going to the author directly to obtain the documents. Copies of the studies are made available upon request. Copyright permissions are dealt with at the time of the acquisition. The library staff also provides reference service, document delivery, supports the research efforts of the other branches of the Bureau, and uses several on-line services, including the vast resources of the Internet.

The Bureau publishes issue summaries, reports (in-depth analyses of issues), memoranda (responses to questions), occasional papers (infrequent papers that present arguments or make proposals that depend upon values or philosophical attitudes), and an economic newsletter (on the California economy). Staff also serve as consultants to the legislature or governor, testify at committee meetings, speak at various events, and organize training sessions.

ILLINOIS - The Illinois Legislative Research Unit Library, a non-circulating special reference library, recently acquired an additional 450 sq. ft. of space. The library is planning to expand its Illinois Documents collection. Currently, the library maintains one of the few complete collections of Legislative Oral Histories and Illinois Defunct Board and Commission Reports. The library is also hoping to expand its' CD-ROM services, and recently purchased Illinois Decisions and Illinois Statutes (both the annotated and unannotated version) on CD-ROM.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES
Submitted by Regional Coordinators
Members of the Staff Section

CALIFORNIA - On October 1, the California Research Bureau (CRB) celebrated the first anniversary of its weekly "Studies in the News," a public policy research current awareness and document delivery service, which averages 15,000 impressions per week. Also, CRB has published two new Issue Summaries, "Immigrants in California: Findings from the 1990 Census" by their own demographer, and "State Government and California University Economic Development Programs."

Copies are available without charge from CRB by telephoning (916) 322-0600 or writing to 1029 J Street, Room 500, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Angela Harr is filling in for Marguerite Beveridge, librarian at the Office of the Legislative Counsel, whose automobile accident injuries were more serious than originally thought.

COLORADO - In September, a special session was called that addressed juvenile crime in Colorado. Included among the ten bills signed into law was one banning handgun possession by persons under age 16
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NCSL PUBLICATIONS

Copies of all NCCL publications listed below are available from the Marketing Department (303) 830-2200, unless otherwise noted.

BOOKS

America's Newcomers: Health Care Issues for New Americans (Item 9359)

State Legislative Summary: Maternal & Child Health Legislation 1992 (Item 6644)

Teen Pregnancy Prevention and the School-Based and School-Linked Health Center Model (Item 6129)
SLRs

Radon: An Invisible Threat (Vol. 18, No. 8, July 1993)

VIDEOS

Energy Planning - The States Face the Future (19 minutes)

STATE BY STATE COMPARISONS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

One of the services provided by the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library is identification of current articles listing state by state comparisons on legislative topics of interest. Director Marilyn Cathcart and her staff are now making these available to all of us via the NCSL Bulletin Board Service (NCSL BBS).

Below is a sampling from their July and August listings. Full lists for several months are available by logging into the NCSL BBS and downloading from the main menu, files in LRL. (Call Chris Pattarozi or Doug Sacarto at NCSL if you need a user code).

ARTICLE TITLE: "Is There Anything Left to Tax?"
JOURNAL TITLE: Governing

ARTICLE TITLE: "Resources vs. Results: Comparative Performance of State Highway..."
JOURNAL TITLE: Policy Studies Journal
DATE: Summer 1993 PAGE: pp. 357+ 

ARTICLE TITLE: "State By State Motor Vehicle Deaths"
JOURNAL TITLE: Status Report
DATE: July 24, 1993 PAGE: pp. 4-5

ARTICLE TITLE: "State Gasoline, Sales, and Cigarette Tax Rates as of July 1, 1993"
JOURNAL TITLE: State Tax Review
DATE: Aug. 2, 1993 PAGE: pp. 16-17

ARTICLE TITLE: "Assisted Suicide (includes sentencing guidelines by state)."
JOURNAL TITLE: NCSL Legisbrief

ARTICLE TITLE: "Environmental Survey of the States; States Still Going Green"
JOURNAL TITLE: City & State
DATE: July 5, 1993 PAGE: pp. 9+

ARTICLE TITLE: "Making Families Talk About Abortion (table showing restrictions...)"
JOURNAL TITLE: Governing
DATE: April 1993 PAGE: pp. 22-23

ARTICLE TITLE: "More Economic Development Battles (state rankings in economic performance)
JOURNAL TITLE: State Policy Reports
DATE: July 1993 PAGE: pp. 8-16

ARTICLE TITLE: "Number and Percentage of All First Births to Teenagers 1989"
JOURNAL TITLE: Intergovernmental Issues
DATE: June 1993 PAGE: p. 6

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS INDEX AND HALL OF THE STATES PUBLICATIONS

Also available on the NCSL Bulletin Board Service (NCSL BBS) are the State Federal Relations Index and lists of recent Hall of the States publications from the States Services Organization Library (SSO).

Librarian Earl Graybeal regularly uploads these citations to the main menu files area. Phone numbers for acquiring Hall of the States publications appear at the end of the list reprinted here in NEWSLINE. If you are downloading the list and need to obtain some of the publications, call Earl for a copy of the Hall of the States Telephone Directory (202/ 624-5483).

RECENT HALL OF THE STATES PUBLICATIONS


Sources: CNG (202) 624-8450
CGPA (202) 624-5386
NGA (202) 624-5300

STATE - FEDERAL RELATIONS INDEX (SFRI)

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
Note: pp. D1,D2.

CITIES AND TOWNS
Note: p. A19.

CONGRESS
"NAFTA is facing difficult trial in the Congress.
Note: pp. A3,A16.

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

"Program to free certain elderly inmates draws interest as way to help unclog crowded prisons." Wall Street Journal; 1993 Aug 18.
Note: p. A12.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS
Note: pp. 1,24.

ECONOMY
"Economy is already feeling the impact of government's spending cuts." Wall Street Journal; 1993 Aug 18.
Note: p. A2.

EDUCATION
Note: pp. A73,A76.

"Schools try to tame violent pupils, one punch and one taunt at a time." New York Times; 1993 Aug 19.
Note: p. B11.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
"Gore asks governors to help 'reinvent government'." Washington Post; 1993 Aug 16.
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
"Banks lose out as depositors go elsewhere."

GUN CONTROL
"Governors sign regional pact to fight gunrunning."
Note: p. D1.

HEALTH CARE REFORM
"Employers to pay 80% under new health plan."
Note: p. 11A.

"Health industry is moving to form service networks."
Note: pp. 1,7.

"West Virginia's focus on preventive care offers model for rural areas, inner cities."
Note: pp. B1,B5.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
"White House seeks to combine FBI with drug agency."

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
"Battle lines being drawn on NAFTA."
Note: pp. 1,4.
NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLINE

The deadline for the Winter edition of NEWSLINE is December 15, 1993. Send news about your library or significant legislative events in your state to your regional coordinator or Chris Pattarozzi at NCSL, Denver.

Thanks to the many staff section members who submitted information for this issue.