It's that time again! But let's be honest, we all love it or we would be librarians elsewhere.

Twenty-two librarians gathered in Denver in early November for a successful Professional Development Seminar. Many thanks to Chris Patterson and other NCSL staff for the great support. So much goes on behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. Chris discovered on Monday following the meeting that on Friday the caterer's truck delivering the box lunches had crashed, ruining the lunches about an hour before the staff section was to arrive at NCSL offices. Jonetta Scott, Seminars Coordinator, had managed to arrange for new lunches from another source to be delivered on time. No one even suspected a glitch! Dedicated staff section members recap the sessions in this issue of Newsline.

New regional coordinators this year, Evelyn Lockwood, KY, and Janet Lanigan, FL, join the other five carried over from last year. Thanks for the many stories contributed. I always receive positive comments about that feature of the newsletter.

Sally Reynolds, Ann Bancroft, and I represented the Staff Section at the recent NCSL Executive Committee and Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The committees conducted a substantial amount of business in the beautiful tropical setting. Ann and I had the pleasure of meeting briefly with Maria Otero, Director of the Legislative Reference Library there. She plans to visit the Texas Legislative Library this spring. She received her MLS from the University of Texas at Austin.

Also, it occurred to me after reading another NCSL staff section newsletter that I should more formally introduce myself to you. I joined the library of the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) in July 1989. I previously worked at the Commission in 1978 as a legislative intern. Prior to returning to the LSC I worked as a reference librarian at the OCLC Online Computer Library Center corporate library and at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. I received my MLS from Kent State University in 1983 and a B.A. in history from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1977.

The officers and others hope this will be an exciting year of learning and networking for the Staff Section. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Milwaukee meeting (July 16 - 20) and the Professional Development Seminar in Albany (October 12 - 14).
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SESSION SUMMARIES

The Legislative Research Librarians Professional Development Seminar was held in Denver November 3-5 at NCSL offices and the Westin Tabor Center Hotel. Twenty-two people attended to hear sessions on the Access Colorado Library and Information Network, CARL/UnCover, a public-private partnership that launched Colorado legislation online, NCSL services and contacts, the Education Commission of the States, and a management seminar on handling difficult people. Attendees also got 4 hours of hands-on training on the Internet at the Bibliographic Center for Research and two hours of training on the new LEGISNET. Following are brief summaries of each session contributed by Ann Bancroft, Chris Pattarozi, Anne Rottmann, and Debbie Tavenner.

Colorado’s Statewide Library Network: Access Colorado Library & Information Network (ACLIN)

Presented by Susan Fayad, Colorado State Library, project manager for ACLIN and staff liaison to the Colorado Library Resource Sharing Board.

ACLIN, implemented in December 1992, is the only public network in the state. The purpose for creating ACLIN was to provide free access to library resources and other databases in the state. It is a project of the Colorado library community in partnership with Colorado SuperNet. It links library automated systems in a single network providing access to over 130 library catalogs, which is over 11 million books. All types of libraries participate. The system uses gopher-based menus.

The creators wanted to build an infrastructure to support resource sharing (Colorado has a state-wide library card) and they wanted a single connection so people would not have to dial into lots of numbers. Legislation sponsored by Representative John Irwin passed to allow the formation of a statewide network, but did not contain an appropriation. Fundraising efforts followed that received tremendous cooperation from libraries. Colorado SuperNet, an Internet node, joined the Technical Committee. The SuperNet saw this as an opportunity to expand and make some money. In the end, existing networks were used as much as possible and dial-access nodes were added. ACLIN is free, but other SuperNet customers added after the expansion pay.

Training started in January 1993. Supertrainers were trained to train others in the local libraries. This was a cost-saving technique, but also a strategy to eventually get the public to support service at local libraries. In early 1994 a state-wide advertising campaign took place as the legislative database came online again directing patrons to local libraries.

Ms. Fayad offered some observations about the partnership with the SuperNet and the implications for resource sharing. The two-tiered network extends Internet access, lowers the costs to the library community, creates an infrastructure that is open and capable of additions, and creates alliances with groups networking together. There is more direct interlibrary loan which cuts down on processing. A printout ILL form has been successful minimizing the need for verification.

Two LSCA projects are under way: ZAP to test electronic patron-initiated interlibrary loan and NEAR to add smaller libraries with catalogs using, for example, Winnebago software. A union catalog will likely be created and the database mounted. Colorado received a large grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve the network. (It was the only state to receive such a grant.) Plans are underway to streamline menus, increase capacity, modify the interface, and develop new databases, especially state agency information.

CARL, CARL Corporation, and the UnCover Company

Presented by Don Kaiser, Manager of Marketing and Client Support, CARL Corp.

Mr. Kaiser discussed his company’s products and services, and stated that the mission of CARL is to provide easy access and delivery of information to people world-wide. Among the products that CARL Corporation offers is UnCover, a periodical index database and article delivery service, and UnCover Reveal, an electronic-mail table of contents alert service.

A Public/Private Partnership Made in Heaven

Presented by Nancy Bolt, State Librarian, and Kenton Kuhn, owner of Capitol Connection.

Ms. Bolt and Mr. Kuhn spoke after lunch on how their partnership came about. Together they’ve provided public access to Colorado legislative information, through libraries, and the ACLIN network. Capitol Connection provides the information from the same database used for its subscription service. The library community pays for the information and it is offered free to the public. All libraries have access, even if they could not
contribute funds. Both speakers felt the partnership is mutually beneficial.

Kuhn indicated one motivation for entering and staying in the partnership is to broaden his customer base. He does not sell everything to the libraries, and indicated making the database available on ACLIN has not caused him any significant loss of business. He would like to offer other Capitol Connection products (Colorado Revised States on CD-ROM and a legislative almanac) through ACLIN in the future.

Bolt indicated the library community is strongly committed to getting state information to the public and targeted legislative information to give the ACLIN network credibility. She negotiated with the legislature for three years to get the information directly. She remarked that the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements seemed to be the most compelling reason for the legislature to agree to act, but even then they offered to provide very limited information. Just as a contract was to be signed, Capitol Connection made “an offer that could not be refused,” so the agreement with the legislature was canceled. Bernie Margolis, Director of Pikes Library, negotiated the details of the contract. Bolt said more state databases are being sought for inclusion on the network.

NCSL: Who's Who and What's New

Karl Kurtz, Director of NCSL's Denver office, briefed the staff section on recent changes at NCSL. The names of the State-Federal Assembly and the Assembly on the Legislature have been changed to the Assembly on Federal Issues and the Assembly on State Issues, respectively. The numbers of committees in each assembly have been reduced as well as the number of scheduled meetings. Mr. Kurtz stated that NCSL would welcome active participation by legislative research librarians on these assemblies.

The NCSL staff structure has also changed in order to focus on two priorities: the NCSLnet and to improve citizen outlook and credibility of state legislatures. There are now four divisions in the Denver office: State Services, Operations, Economic and Fiscal Affairs, and Legislative Programs. The Washington, DC office still deals with state-federal relations activities, public affairs and international programs.

Ted Ferris, Chair of the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee (LSCC), discussed the nine staff sections that make up the committee and the committee's mission, which is to coordinate and oversee the affairs of the legislative staff within NCSL, to promote professional development of legislative staff and to review and evaluate NCSL services to legislative staff. He also discussed the activities of LSCC's four task forces and some staff sections' professional development programs.

Karen Hansen, Director of Publications and Marketing at NCSL, gave a brief presentation and mentioned that NCSL's publications have become less voluminous in order to satisfy the current demand for brief, up-to-date information. The title of one report, "State Issues Outlook," has been changed to "State Legislative Priorities." The only two publications that require payment from legislatures are Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure and the Election Results Directory. There was concern by some staff section members that publications are not being received in a timely manner, but rather are being sent out quarterly by Federal Express, which is costly. Ms. Hansen said she would address this concern.

Leslie McLaughlin, Manager of Visual Communications, discussed NCSL's video programs, including the upcoming first national teleconference on the federal crime bill. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the teleconference would be a half-day national seminar and would include a one-way audio call-back from attendees. The charge is $995 for each participating state.

Doug Sacarto, Sr. Fellow in the State Services Division, then discussed the status of NCSLnet, which is NCSL's comprehensive online information service which is being planned in response to its mission of providing easy access and delivering services electronically. Early in 1995, NCSLnet may be accessed via Telnet, and services will include e-mail, FTP, LEGISNET, and faxing of documents. By the end of 1995, NCSLnet services will be expanded to include CD-ROM and a World Wide Web server.

Bob Frohling, Sr. Policy Specialist and LEGISNET trainer, presented a status report on the LEGISNET and its current contents. The new LEGISNET will be made available for general usage by the end of November through NCSLnet. It offers Boolean and natural language searching, simplified function key formats and online prompts for each search and display screen.

The Education Commission of the States

Kathy Christie, Clearinghouse Coordinator for ECS spoke about the services offered by the Clearinghouse. She said Clearinghouse staff will answer questions from legislators and staff and will try to fulfill these requests within twenty-four hours.
Their publications include Issue Briefs, 50-state surveys on various topics, and information on every bill introduced in the states pertaining to education.

While they do not maintain mailing lists for these publications, Kathy entertained the suggestion by LRL to make these various services available by subscription. Beginning in January 1995, ECS will become a part of the Daily Report Card on state policy issues two days per week.

The Internet:
A Practical Introduction to Library Applications and Guide to Reference Sources

Speaker for this seminar was James Hodson, Manager of Reference Systems and Services for the Bibliographic Center for Research, a library cooperative that serves six states. He explained the different levels of connections to the I-net (dial-in, SLIP, PPP, and a dedicated line). He spoke about the services and major tools for navigating the I-net, such as E-mail, Telnet, FTP, newsgroups, Gopher, WAIS and World Wide Web. He then demonstrated E-mail and how to join listservs.

Our hands-on time was spent telnetting to different locations and using gophers to find information that might be valuable to legislative librarians. He pointed out the U.S. Government gopher address, Marvel.loc.gov, and the University of California at Irvine's virtual reference desk as particularly good sources.

James showed how to access the World Wide Web and how to go directly to an address by using its Uniform Resource Locator (URL). Some addresses we experimented with that were both fun and useful include: the White House at www.whitehouse.gov; the Library of Congress, lcweb.loc.gov; and even the Louvre, http://mistral.ens.fr.

We left the BCR with a better sense of some of the tools and sources available and definitely feeling overwhelmed by the vastness of the Internet and all the tricks used to navigate it.

Dealing with Difficult People

We all have to deal with difficult people from time to time, whether they are fellow employees or the constituency we serve. On Friday afternoon, seminar attendees were treated to a session on this topic moderated by psychologist and consultant RJ Graham. Dr. Graham specializes in working with the business community on issues such as interpersonal communication, team building, and conflict resolution.

She led the group through an exercise designed to identify potentially difficult people in the job setting, then worked with the group to see why and when they upset us, how we tend to deal with them and how we should deal with them. Suggestions for dealing with these situations included: taking the initiative to be proactive, dealing with the problem openly, remembering that you are the owner of your emotions and how you react is up to you, realizing that in situations when the other party is uncooperative you may have to "lead them by the nose," and be willing to hone your negotiation skills.

SUMMARY OF NCSL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SAN JUAN

By Sally Reynolds, Texas, At Large Member of the Executive Committee

This meeting of the Executive Committee was relatively concise. President McCarthy presented immediate past president Sen. Robert Connor an engraved wooden gavel. She also thanked our gracious host, Rep. Jose Granados-Navedo, for Puerto Rico's wonderful hospitality. Rep. McCarthy then officially resigned her presidency (due to her election to Congress) and introduced the new president, Rep. Jane Campbell of Ohio. Congratulations to Congresswoman Karen McCarthy.

The committee approved the nomination of Sen. Richard Finan of Ohio to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Len Nevin of Nevada.

Reports were given by the various chairs on activities of their committees. The Assembly on Federal Issues asked for formal adoption of the Conference of the States resolution, which was overwhelmingly adopted. Rep. Campbell then discussed the idea of adopting a balanced budget policy. This was to be discussed in greater length at AFI the following week, so a full report should be available at the next Executive Committee meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in early May.

Staff Chair, Ted Ferris, presented his report from the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee and emphasized the productivity of extending the Committee's meeting time.

Rep. Art Hamilton of Arizona presented his report on the NCSL Foundation and the Executive Committee approved two new members to the Board of Directors.

At this time, the Executive Committee subcommittee reports were presented by the respective chairs. The
Budget, Finance and Rules Subcommittee moved to keep benefits at the same level and to amend guidelines for additional meetings of AFI and ASI. They also moved to extend the length of time for sunset of committee policies, from two to three years.

Annual Meeting and Seminars Subcommittee gave a final report on the 1994 annual meeting in New Orleans and praised all those who made the meeting a success. An update on the 1995 annual meeting in Milwaukee was presented by Sen. Jauch and Don Schneider and it looks like it should be an excellent site. The subcommittee also selected Chicago as site of the year 2000 annual meeting and San Antonio for the 2001 meeting.

Program Oversight and Outreach Subcommittee stressed the participation of NCSL in new member orientation. NCSL Executive Director Bill Pound gave a brief update on the international activities of NCSL, indicating that with rapidly changing world politics NCSL is keeping very busy. The committee then adjourned and will meet again May 5-6 in Columbus, Ohio.

NCSSL LEGISLATIVE STAFF COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Debbie Taverner, (OH)

LSCC members spent a full day at the San Juan meeting (Dec. 7 - 10) in a strategic planning session, utilizing a SWOT analysis technique to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for staff working in state legislatures. The Futures Task Force will synthesize all the comments and issues to develop a draft strategic plan for the staff of NCSL.

The individual task forces met the second day for several hours before coming together at the full business meeting. The Puerto Rico Legislative Assembly hosted a tour of the Commonwealth's capitol for the International Activities Task Force and arranged meetings with members' legislative counterparts. The Capitol is beautifully located and its architecture, murals, and other works of art are rich in Puerto Rican history. Ann Bancroft met with Maria Otero, Director of their Legislative Reference Library, but unfortunately there was not enough time to visit the library since it was located in another building. Maria has been on leave from Puerto Rico's law school, where she is head reference librarian, in order to set up the legislative library.

The Futures Task Force recommended the formation of a health network.

The Professional Development Task Force dealt with three major issues. The members recommended that the Legislative Staff Management Institute improve diversity among presenters. On the issue of videotaping sessions at Annual Meeting, because of concern over the quality of the tapes, members recommended that staff sections submit a proposal for taping six months in advance to give NCSL staff time to work with the presenter to enhance the quality of the presentation.

The Professional Code of Conduct will undergo substantial restudy and revision and possibly a name change. A proposed final draft is targeted for the Fall 1995 LSCC meeting.

The Information Technology Task Force plans to sponsor another pre-conference seminar at the annual meeting this summer, publish survey results from "Effective Budgeting and Oversight for Information Technology Expenditures," and publish a "Guide to Legislative Information Technology."

Following are activity reports from all the staff sections submitted to the Executive Committee for the San Juan meeting:

American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries

The ASLCS held its annual professional development seminar in October in Monterey, California. More than 250 people attended the meeting. The new ASLCS officers were elected, and new committees were appointed by president, Ramona Kenady, chief clerk of the Oregon House of Representatives. A committee to coordinate international contacts was established with two subcommittees. The subcommittee on Canadian/American Relations will work towards strengthening our relations with our Canadian counterparts and coordinate the joint U.S./Canadian meeting to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1995. The subcommittee on International Communication and Development will receive reports from the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee, work with other NCSL staff sections involved in international relations and also explore the possibility of developing relations with our counterparts in the Mexican states. A committee on "Code of Conduct" has also been created to review the code as produced by the LSCC Task Force on Professional Development. A new membership roster, three to four editions of the Legislative Administrator (the society newsletter), another edition of Inside the Legislative Process and the new professional journal will be published. Planning for the joint U.S./Canadian clerks meeting and the 1995 professional development seminar has begun.
Leadership Staff Section

The Leadership Staff Section had a very successful annual training seminar in St. Petersburg, Florida, that overlapped with the Eugene, Oregon, LSCC meeting, preventing anyone from the staff section from reporting at that meeting. Participants at the Florida seminar gave the conference a strong 4.7 rating (on a scale where 5 meant the conference "fully met expectations"). Conference attendees spent a day in leadership training with Minnesota consultant Bob Terry and also received media training from former Georgia leadership staffer Jet Toney. Participants heard an excellent presentation by Mississippi's John Turcotte on how to deliver excellent presentations. Other staff sections would benefit from this program.

At the close of the conference, the staff section elected Toni Christman from Pennsylvania as its new chair and Alan Briggs from North Carolina as vice chair. The executive committee of the group began planning next year's seminar in Indianapolis. The executive committee of the staff section will meet in Santa Fe in March to make final programmatic plans for Indiana. The programs committee of the staff section is currently soliciting ideas for topics to be covered in Indiana.

Legal Services Staff Section

The Legal Services Staff Section is chaired by Rich Johnson, deputy director of the Iowa Legislative Service Bureau. The main activities of the staff section since the New Orleans annual meeting include: an October 14 meeting of the staff section's International Relations Subcommittee to provide guidance for the Joint ABA/NCSL bill drafting training in Moldova and Kazakhstan; presentation of the NCSL Senior Legislative Drafting seminar on November 3-5, at which three staff section members served as faculty; and the November 10 meeting of the staff section in conjunction with the NCSL Assembly on State Issues in Salt Lake City. At Salt Lake City, the staff section held a full day of substantive discussions including a review of the NCSL draft code of conduct for legislative staff.

Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section Since the September meeting of LSCC, the librarians held their professional development seminar in Denver with 22 attending. Evaluations were all marked with four or five ("completely successful"). As a result of the meeting, the Education Commission of the States Clearinghouse added LRL to its mailing list, and the New Mexico Legislative Council Service has scheduled Internet training for staff. LRL is currently setting dates for its professional development seminar in Albany in 1995 and in Washington, D.C., in 1996 and have formed a site selection committee for 1997. Work is under way to publish the staff directory and complete the legislative intent/history project in early 1995.

National Association of Legislative Fiscal Officers

Activities of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Officers since the NCSL Annual Meeting include:

- Participation of a number of fiscal officers in the Senior Fiscal Analysts Seminar at Seattle in August, including John Lattimer (legislative fiscal officer, Oregon), Ted Ferris (NCSL Staff Chair, director, Legislative Budget Committee staff, Arizona), Liz Hill (legislative fiscal officer, California), and Mary Soderberg (director, House Appropriations Committee staff, Pennsylvania).

- Three conference calls between NCSL Fiscal Staff and NALFO officers on projects including the Fiscal Chairs Seminar in January, the teleconference training program in January, training videos project and NCSL staff research projects.

- Plans made for Executive Committee meeting at the time of the Fiscal Chairs Seminar in Denver in January.

- Participation in the NCSL survey for the State Fiscal Outlook for FY 1995 now under way, which will be released in January 1995.

National Association of Legislative Information Technology

The National Association of Legislative Information Technology met at the Assembly on State Issues on November 9-12, 1994, in Salt Lake City. Staff section members visited WordPerfect offices in Orem, Utah, toured the customer support and usability testing divisions, and attended briefings on new WordPerfect products. Staff section members also attended a demonstration of Folio Corporation VIEWS information management system. In addition, Utah legislative staff presented an overview of the state's innovative use of information technology. NALIT members also took part in a briefing by Folio Corp. representatives. A business meeting was held which included preliminary planning and topics for the upcoming annual meeting. The staff section issues a newsletter in October and is currently developing an on-line membership directory.

National Legislative Program Evaluation Society

In September, NLPES revised and reissued a document detailing the responsibilities of all NLPES
officers, executive committee members and subcommittee chairpersons. The chair also solicited comments on the NCSL proposed code of conduct for legislative staff from key NLPES contacts in the states. In November, the executive committee met for a full day of business at the ASI in Salt Lake City. The business of the meeting included a report on the results of a phone survey of program evaluation offices in all states (covering training, member voting patterns, conference timing and topics, and the increase in the number of program evaluation staff), a discussion of the proposed code of conduct for legislative staff, standing and ad hoc committee reports, and preparations for the 1995 and 1996 spring training meetings. The executive committee discussed at length issues surrounding criteria for the NLPES annual awards, content of the program evaluation track at the Skills Development Annual Seminar, spring training conference administration and the election of executive committee members. The next meeting of the NLPES will be the spring training meeting in 1995 in Tallahassee, Florida, May 18-20th.

National Legislative Services and Security Association

The 21st annual NLSSA training conference was well attended and evaluations indicate sessions were well received. Training sessions included workshops on mail bombs, verbal judo, threat assessment, legislative publications, concealable weapons and the restoration of the Texas Capitol. NLSSA is currently working on a manual of legislative protocol including protocol with international guests. Part of the project includes a survey which will be sent out to state legislatures in early 1995. The 1995 training conference will be held September 5-10 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. At present, NLSSA is considering bids from several states for the 1996 and 1997 annual training conferences.

Research and Committee Staff Section

The Research and Committee Staff Section has had a very busy fall. In October, RACSS presented its first annual professional development seminar for senior legislative Research and Committee Staff in Hartford, Connecticut. More than 75 staff attended the seminar, which featured programs on writing, presentation skills, statistics, graphics, report formats, bill analysis, legal research, the draft code of conduct and working with difficult people. Evaluations of the program have been excellent. RACSS also presented four programs at the fall meeting of the ASI in Salt Lake City in November with more than 30 staff in attendance. RACSS officers held a meeting in Salt Lake City to plan for the 1995 professional development seminar for Senior Legislative Research and Committee Staff, which is tentatively scheduled for September 20-23, 1995, in either Colorado or Missouri. The fall edition RACSS newsletter was sent to all members of the staff section in October and planning is under way for the winter edition, as well as for the 1995 edition of The Directory of Key Research Contacts.

The next LSRC/Executive meeting is the first weekend in May in Cleveland.

A NEW BABY IN THE FAMILY

Susan Sternberg, Librarian at the New Jersey Legislative Services Library, is home on family leave after having traveled to China in early October to adopt an infant girl. She spent almost two weeks in China, traveled to the village where the baby was born, then flew with the baby to San Francisco to spend a few days with her family.

The baby, Anna Rose, was born in February or March, making her about seven months old when Susan adopted her. Susan reports that Anna Rose made "a seamless transition" to her new life and is happy, healthy and particularly fond of toys because she had not seen any previous to her new mom's arrival.

Congratulations and best wishes to both Susan and Anna Rose, who has a shining future ahead! Susan expects to work part time for awhile after returning to work in January.

NCSLNET TO BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY

By Doug Sacarto

NCSLnet is the new comprehensive online information service NCSL is making available for state legislatures. And typical of any major project in the final construction stage, NCSLnet is complete in some aspects and nearly complete in others.

Internally, some NCSL staff have been using its e-mail and Internet capabilities for many weeks. Now outside users can get online access to LEGISNET, as well as what was formerly called the BBS, by dial-in or through Internet e-mail. Both are available from a single menu. Soon Telnet connections will also be available. And for those whose software supports it, a mouse-driven graphical user interface (GUI) will also ultimately be available.

Feature Highlights

- Easy access to key Internet newsgroups and mail lists concerning public policy and information services, including several on library science.
• Menu access to especially valuable Internet sites via Telnet, Gopher and FTP, plus the ability to reach any other Telnet, Gopher or FTP sites that you may already be aware of.

• Searchable lists that include most Internet mail lists and newsgroups, enabling you to quickly identify those that may be valuable for specific issues you are dealing with. You may then subscribe to mail lists from NCSLnet or save the information and subscribe from other Internet accounts that you may have. You're also encouraged to recommend additional newsgroups that should be hosted on NCSLnet.

• E-mail access to files and discussion groups through NCSLnet mail lists. You will also be able to subscribe to distribution lists to automatically receive by e-mail the NCSL conference calendar, new publications announcements, lists of new documents in LEGISNET, NCSL staff contacts, and a growing number of other documents. At this point, LRL will need to decide whether the LRL Forum should be converted to a menu list so that members can participate via e-mail.

In the near future, you'll have online or e-mail ordering of documents, e-mail access to any NCSL staff, a growing number of bulletins and files, and still other features. You'll know they're available when you see the new menu choices as you log on.

The new phone number is 303/830-7833. Modem speed currently is up to 14.4kbs, and we'll very soon be adding at least one line with 28.8kbs. We have 6 dial-in lines. Before the end of February, we expect to have our Telnet access established, and you'll have instructions for Telnet as soon as it is available.

LRL has been a core user group, and your support for NCSL's online services deserves considerable credit for NCSLnet's development.

STATE LIBRARY RECEIVES SECOND GRANT FOR ACLIN EXPANSION

The Colorado State Library has received a $400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration for the purpose of supporting nonprofit groups and state and local governments to access new telecommunications technologies. The grant will assist in database development for ACLIN (Access Colorado Library and Information Network). Colorado's award was one of 90 selected out of over 1,000 applications. The grant is the second recently received for ACLIN. The first was a $2.49 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

GREETINGS FROM A FORMER LEGISLATIVE LIBRARIAN
By Marcia Hoak

In September '94 I quit my job at the Oregon Legislative Library after ten and a half years. I'm working part-time at the Willamette University Law School Library, just across the street from the Capitol. The Law School is in a beautiful new building with lots of computer capabilities I never had at the Legislature. What fun! And unlimited access to Lexis and Westlaw. (Can you imagine?) In addition to this job, I just started working as an on-call librarian at the Salem Public Library. What a difference between the three libraries.

There's more... I started a consulting business doing research and setting up small libraries for agencies and businesses. Right now I'm consulting with a criminal justice agency. Plus, I'm writing a training manual for a non-profit housing organization. Whew! I'm very busy, but loving it. I've never learned so much in 5 months before.

I really miss all my LRL colleagues and going to the Annual Meetings and Professional Development Seminars. But I intend to stay in touch! My email is mhoak@willamette.edu. My home phone is (503)363-1352. My address is 255 Richmond St. SE, Salem, OR 97301.

COORDINATORS' CORNER...

Much of the news in the NEWSLINE is collected by a dedicated team of coordinators who call and fax to libraries and librarians in their regions to gather the latest news and ask preassigned questions of interest to all of us. This section will highlight response to three questions: 1) What are the hot topics expected to be for this session in your state? 2) What changes in leadership or leadership control occurred in the recent election? 3) Describe your most innovative use of the Internet in response to a reference or research request.

COORDINATOR JENNIFER BERNIER, CT, REPORTS:

Susan Southworth and Barbara Karp, Connecticut Legislative Library, report the hot topics are income tax repeal or "repair," assisted suicide, education/diversity, and gaming. Their Senate, by one seat, changed majority from Democrat to Republican. The Governor's office went Republican
after 4 years under a third party Governor, Gov. Weicker.

Emela Schofield, Massachusetts State Library, says their hot topics are welfare reform, rivers protection, campaign finance reform, gang violence, capital punishment, health care, and casino gambling.

Lynn Randall, Maine's State Law Librarian, listed reformulated gasoline, education funding, auto emissions testing, government restructuring, budget, welfare reform, health care reform, child support, and healthy start as hot topics this session. Their Senate has changed from Democratic control to Republican control (16 Dems, 18 Repubs., and 1 Independent).

Myla Padden, of New Hampshire Legislative Services, tells us hot topics there include: HB306 establishing a Children, Youth and Families Council to address efficient delivery of services and HB236 regarding recovered memory syndrome (memories of past abuse). "The state operating budget will undoubtedly cause the most heated debates with the deficit estimates ranging from $42 to $150 million over the next two years."

She says former Senate President Ralph Hough lost his primary bid in September. Senator Joseph Delhunty, a Republican from Salem, was elected the new Senate President and is serving his fifth term.

Myla reports that the NH Legislative Services office does not currently have direct access to the Internet, though it should be available in the near future. They rely on librarians at the State Library when Internet communications are necessary.

Hank Ilnicki, Reference Services, NY State Library, listed legislative reform, death penalty, casino gambling, tax cuts, consolidation of public authorities, state agencies, Medicaid cuts, and privatization as current hot topics. The new Senate Majority Leader is Senator Joseph Bruno, replacing Senator Ralph Marino. Hank reports one of their librarians as having used a listserv to find a Federal Reserve Board document that had previously been unfindable and another librarian used a "government locator" to find some EPA regulations.

Deb Priest, Director of the New York Information Center, says New York will probably get the death penalty and will work on tax cuts and casino gambling. Governor Mario Cuomo was defeated by Republican George Pataki making the Executive Branch and the Senate Republican now. Democrats retained the office of State Comptroller and Republicans took the Attorney General's office. Deb says although the public has access to New York legislative documents on the Internet, her office is hoping for access in the next couple of months.

From the Vermont Legislative Counsel's office, Michael Chernick reports the big issue in '95 is expected to be property tax reform and possibly health care. Partisan alignment remains the same there, but House Speaker Ralph Wright was defeated so a new Speaker is to be elected in January. Legislative Counsel now has access to Internet and E-mail via a new local area network replacing "an aging Wang."

COORDINATOR JANET LANIGAN, FL, REPORTS:

In Alabama, the hot topics are ethics and campaign finance, Medicaid funding; and reallocation of existing financial resources. Leadership was still unsettled (except new Lt. Governor is the Senate President). And their library does not have access to Internet.

In Arkansas, the hot topics are proposals to restrict the court's powers regarding constitutional ballot proposals (due to recent court cases removing ballot questions) and school funding. As to their leadership, they are seeing the effects of term limits; the seniority system of committee chairs is being abandoned, and members are now on a more equal footing.

Janet Lanigan, Director of the Florida Legislative Library, says hot topics there include prison funding, welfare reform, juvenile crime, health care, and job creation. Their House Speaker and Senate President change every two years; the House barely maintained a Democratic majority and the Senate has a Republican majority for the first time since Reconstruction. They have only limited access to Internet resources. Janet's most innovative use would be a timely resource on e-mail and privacy issues she found for their general counsel in the Fedworld database.

In Georgia, the hot topics are improving the quality of public education, governmental efficiency and privatization, juvenile crime, welfare reform, funding for prisons and police, and tax reform and job creation. They report no significant changes in leadership and don't have access to the Internet.

In Louisiana, expected hot topics include the consolidation of various types of gambling under a single regulatory board, Medicaid funding, forced heirship, term limits, welfare reform, truth in sentencing, and juvenile crime. They will have statewide elections and the Governor's race this year with "no expected changes" to leadership. (No access to Internet.)
In Mississippi, the hot topics are expected to be tax cuts, crime, and privatization of child support collection. They did not hold statewide elections in November and don’t have access to the Internet.

In Tennessee, hot topics are crime and health care. A new managed care system was put in place last year and there are questions and/or problems surrounding it. A Democratic majority was maintained in both houses, but there is a new Republican governor. (No Internet access.)

COORDINATOR EVELYN LOCKWOOD, KY, REPORTS:

Bernadine Gretzer, Librarian at the Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau, reports a change in control of the House, with Republicans in control of the entire legislature now.

Legislative Librarian Evelyn Lockwood, Kentucky, forwarded interesting news even though Kentucky is not in session in ’95. “The Governor has indicated he will call a special session to consider the elimination of the income tax on private pensions. Senate leadership has called for the elimination of the tax on private pensions, the inheritance tax, and the intangibles tax. The entire issue of tax reform has been under discussion. Also, the Supreme Court of Kentucky has declared the legislative redistricting done after the 1990 census invalid, so there will need to be a redistricting session sometime in 1995.”

Kentucky had no party changes in leadership in the General Assembly. The House elected a new speaker, Democrat Jody Richards, during the organizational session of the week of January 2, 1995. The Senate re-elected Democrat John A. “Eck” Rose as President.

Anne T. Bautista, Librarian at the Legislative Service Bureau in Michigan, lists auto insurance, single business tax, charter schools, truth-in-sentencing, welfare reforms, and tax cuts as this session’s hot topics. Both Republicans and Democrats shared leadership in the House in 1993-94, but Republicans now have a majority in leadership positions in the legislature. And the Science and Technology Section plans to place its IMAGIN mapping system (a Geographic Information System) on the Internet. It will include universities and other state agencies.

From the Missouri Legislative Library, Anne Rottmann lists the following as hot topics: juvenile justice, certification of juveniles for commission of adult crimes, and letting voters decide on tax increases. Leadership there did not change, but the Democratic Speaker won by a very close vote. She uses the Internet for citation searches of indexes and for bill tracking.

Debbie Tavenner, Ohio LSC Library, says the budget bill will consume lots of attention and generally contains a fairly high number of substantive law changes. Outside the budget, the major issues predicted are: education funding, criminal sentencing overhaul and tougher juvenile laws, campaign finance reform, low-level radioactive waste disposal, a revenue source to replace wholesale soda tax repealed by voters in November, casino gambling (opposed by Governor Voinovich), state-funded stadiums, putting the Bureau of Workers Compensation under the Governor’s control, welfare reform, and Medicaid waiver for OhioCare (awaiting for approval from federal government).

Debbie says House Speaker Vern Riffe, after 20 years as Speaker, chose not to seek re-election. The Ohio House now has its first woman speaker, Jo Ann Davidson, and Republicans have a majority, 56-43, for the first time in 22 years. The Senate Republicans maintained majority in that body and Senator Stanley Aronoff was re-elected as President.

The LSC Library has used the Internet to download the federal crime bill shortly after it was passed (and used the search mechanism of their word processor to identify requested parts of the legislation); locate GATT for someone who needed to read it; download legislative bodies’ rules for several states that were more current than those contained in the LEGISNET database; and find a requested quote by President Clinton concerning veterans.

Wisconsin librarian Marian Rogers named the following as hot topics for the ’95 session: campaign finance reform, dollar limits on medical malpractice lawsuits for non-economic losses, farm and rural issues, school property tax relief without raising taxes, state and local spending limits, and welfare reform.

Also the Assembly rules changed to 1) prohibit committee hearings outside of Madison during the election season, July 1 through November elections in even-numbered years, 2) authorize the majority to appoint minority party committee chairpersons, and 3) floor business is required to end by 8:00 p.m.

In Wisconsin’s Assembly (Republicans 51, Democrats 48) the Republicans are the majority party for the first time since 1971. In the Senate (Republicans 17, Democrats 16) the Republicans maintain the majority gained in the 1993-94 session. Governor Tommy Thompson (Republican) has embarked on a record third 4-year term.

The Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau is not presently using the Internet for research requests.
COORDINATOR JOHANNE GREER, MD, REPORTS:

Ruth Ann Melson, Delaware Legislative Council, said this season’s hot topics are tax cuts and education. There was no change in leadership there: the Governor is Democratic, the Senate is Democratic and the House is controlled by Republicans.

In Maryland the main issues for the 1995 General Assembly are taxes (whether to cut them, reorganize the tax structure, or set aside a projected budget surplus for the next fiscal year), gambling (debate over riverboat gambling, casino gambling, and the creation of a statewide commission to oversee the various forms of gambling in the state), lobbying and ethics reform (stricter disclosure requirements for lobbyists and legislators, and a possible ban on all gift giving), emissions testing (revisiting the controversial new testing program), health care (Medicaid cost containment, long-term care, patient choice and “any willing provider” issues), welfare reform (with the former Governor’s veto of last year’s reform bill the issue will be debated anew), economic development (measures to stimulate business by reducing regulation, reexamining business taxes, and boosting the Sunny Day Fund that is used to lure businesses to the state).

There was no change in leadership. Democrats still control the House of Delegates, the Senate, and the Governor’s office, despite major Republican gains. The Governor-Elect won by a narrow margin. The outcome was decided by absentee votes and the challenger did contest the election with a charge of voter fraud. She was not successful.

The librarians from Maryland’s Legislative Library took a detailed course at one of the community colleges this fall on the Internet, but things have been so hectic that there has not been much time for them to explore the Internet as a reference tool. They had hoped to be able to spend about three hours a month in learning to navigate it.

Peter Mazzei in the New Jersey Legislative Service Library said the hot topics for the session are the budget (the state is $2 billion in debt) and crime. There has been no change in leadership. The Governor is Republican and the Republican also have a high majority in the Senate and Assembly. The change from Democratic majority to Republican majority occurred about two years ago.

Susan Zavacky, Legislative Reference Bureau in Pennsylvania, felt that whatever is considered a hot topic on the national level would also be important in Pennsylvania. The House of Representatives has a Republican majority, where it had formerly been Democratic, and the Senate remained Republican so leadership in both the House and Senate is Republican. The governorship also swung from Democratic to Republican. Susan doesn’t do research on the Internet at present, but she does have access to e-mail.

Evelyn Andrews, of the Pennsylvania Senate Library, said hot topics include crime reform (rape and sale of guns to minors), tax cuts/reform, welfare reform, river boat gambling, and privatization of liquor stores. The Governor wants to restructure the Department of Environmental Resources. He also wants to sign execution warrants of death row inmates. Evelyn reiterated what Susan Zavacky said about everything going Republican and she added that the state’s U.S. Senators are both Republican now, where previously only one was. Evelyn expects to have access to the Internet by the end of the 1995 calendar year.

Cathy Martin, in the Legislative Library in North Carolina, said that some of the hot topics will be welfare reform, criminal justice reform, and spending reform with a taxpayer protection act. She expects the legislature to follow the Republican contract, in general. This is the first time since 1899 that the House has had a Republican majority. The Democrats controlled things for 96 years. It is anticipated that there will be a new Republican Speaker. The Democrats have a 2-vote lead in the Senate. The Governor is Democratic and has two years left in his term.

The North Carolina library does have access to Internet, but only since just before Christmas, so they are still getting acquainted with it. They have a local gateway on the Internet and have used it to answer some reference questions. They can search for articles in their local newspaper on the Internet and have their own gopher that gives access to bill status. Cathy said they plan to offer Internet addresses to anyone in the General Assembly who has a legislative account.

Videau Simons in the South Carolina Legislative Council Library said that one of the main topics for the upcoming session will be redistricting for the Senate only. She expects other state legislation to follow the lead of the U.S. Congress. The new Governor is Republican, as was the former Governor. But for the first time in 100 years the Lt. Governor is Republican. The House has switched to a Republican majority for the first time in many years. The Senate did not have elections, so it has remained Democratic.

Grace Holmes, Virginia Legislative Reference Library, said the main issues for the ‘95 session are: budget, the Governor’s Commission, constitutional
issues, health insurance, enterprise zones, small business, education, local government, highway safety, long-term care, consumer protection, motor voter, transportation, gaming, and whistle-blower protection. There were no leadership changes. Grace said she has spent a lot of time exploring the Internet and has found good research materials. She has been able to use the Internet instead of paying for traditional online databases.

In West Virginia, Mary Del Cont, Legislative Reference Library said the hot topics mentioned in the Governor's speech were Medicaid reform, workers' compensation reform, education, guns in schools, and juvenile crime. The Senate has a new Republican President; the former President was defeated in his reelection bid. The Governor and the Speaker of the House are the same.

COORDINATOR NAN BOWERS, NV, REPORTS:

Sharon Akey, Legislative Counsel Bureau Library, California, reports this session's hot issues as crime, education, natural disasters, and education and health care for illegal immigrants. The legislature convened on schedule, but the issue of the speaker position is still unresolved and deadlocked. California has a 40-40 split in parties in the lower house. The state has produced a booklet called Guide to Accessing California Legislative Information over the Internet. It can be requested by e-mailing comments@leginfo.public.ca.gov.

Librarian Gayle Wray, Idaho Legislative Services Office, says state sovereignty and federal mandates are hot topics in bills introduced so far this session. The 1995 Idaho Legislature is heavily Republican and the first Republican governor in 24 years has just taken office.

Nevada's hot issues, as reported by Nan Bowers, Legislative Counsel Bureau, include crime and the criminal justice system, education funding, federal mandates, and how best to spend a sizable budget surplus (!?). There is a 21-21 split in the Assembly, resulting in a co-speaker and co-chairmen for committees. Also, all Assembly committees have an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. The Senate continues to have a Republican majority.

COORDINATOR SUSAN GILLEY, OK, REPORTS:

Delores Lanier, Colorado Legislative Council Librarian, reports that the hot topics this session are auto emissions inspections, unfunded federal mandates, highway finance, and campaign reform. The majority remained Republican, but Sam Williams, former Speaker of the House, was not re-elected. House Minority Leader is now Peggy Kerns.

Sally Reynolds, Texas Legislative Research Library Director, sent the following report: "The Texas Legislature convened on January 10, 1995 and will adjourn on May 29, 1995. As with so many states in the last general election, Texas gained not only a Republican Governor, but a total of 14 Republicans in the Senate and 61 in the House of Representatives, out of a total membership of 31 in the Senate and 150 in the House. Our Lieutenant Governor and Speaker were both re-elected.

"Topics that will be heavily debated this legislative session include casino gambling, judicial selection, tort reform, juvenile justice system, a state budget (without a tax increase, as promised by the leadership) and education.

"Our legislature is very proud to announce that our Legislative Information System, which includes current action on all bills and resolutions, bills by author, committee schedules and committee membership, and bill text is now on the Internet. It went online January 10th. The response has been overwhelming. The address is capitol.tlc.texas.gov."

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE CHOSEN IN NOVEMBER

During the LRL business meeting at the Professional Development Seminar recently held in Denver, the topic of future sites for the fall meetings arose. The meeting has been scheduled for October 12 - 14 in Albany in 1995 and for sometime in October in Washington, D.C. for 1996. But, because it is advantageous to know well in advance where the meetings will be hosted, a site selection committee was chosen.

Members of the committee are Susan Gilley, (OK) and Anne Rottmann (MO). They are in the process of taking suggestions for seminar locations and would welcome invitations from any member of the staff section to host the meeting from 1997 on. If you have any thoughts, either about where you'd like to see a seminar held, or when you'd like to host one, please call Susan or Anne!

FREE 24-HOUR ACCESS TO ONLINE U.S. FEDERAL INFORMATION

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The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is providing the public with free access with a phone call to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and Congressional Bills databases via the
Columbia Online Information Network (COIN), located at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, Missouri. COIN is offering this free access in cooperation with the Federal depository library at the University of Missouri in Columbia. It is part of an expanding gateway program which will extend nationwide.

Anyone with a personal computer, a modem, and the necessary telecommunications software is able to connect to the GPO databases through the depository library gateways. There is a least one Federal depository library in every Congressional District and there are 1,400 such libraries altogether. The full text of documents is available on the day of publication.

The GPO Access services are authorized by Public Law 103-40, the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993.

LIBRARIANS HELPING LIBRARIANS PROJECT IS OFF THE GROUND

By the time this issue of NEWSLINE goes to press the Librarians Helping Librarians Committee will have met via conference call twice. Members of the committee include Marilyn Cathcart (MN), Lynda Davis (MD), Beth Furbush (MT), Susie Hughes (LA), Chris Pattarozzi (NCSL), and Susan Zavacky (PA).

Initial goal of the project is to produce a document or skills inventory that will assist legislative librarians in locating a staff section contact with expertise in any desired area of library science or library management. We will create a general list of areas of expertise and send that out to the staff section for comments and additions. We'll then add your suggestions and the list will be sent out again to the staff section; this time for you to fill in your personal areas of expertise. Results will comprise a document that can be updated regularly and made available online. Progress of the project will be reported at annual meeting in Milwaukee. If you have suggestions or comments, contact any member of the committee.

Special thanks are due to Judy Yeo, in the Library Development Office at the Wyoming State Library, for forwarding to the staff section a copy of the skills inventory recently completed there. Its a wonderful source for inspiration!

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DATA TO BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE

The December 2 edition of the Kiplinger Letter predicted the Library of Congress will put more of its collection, primarily material that is not widely available elsewhere, on the Internet for access by researchers around the country. "Within five or six years there will be 5 million items [from LC] on the network."

NEWS FROM THE STATES...
(News notes contributed via LRL's Regional Coordinators and individual staff section members.)

IDAHO — Gayle Wray, Legislative Services Office Librarian, operates a one-person library. Her major responsibility is indexing bills during session and indexing committee minutes and passed legislation after the session ends in late March. She also provides legislative reference services to staff and the public. Beginning this session, the State Library is providing online research for the legislature in the capitol building.

MAINE — Jane Edwards, Principal Librarian for Technical Services, has retired.

MASSACHUSETTS — Pamela Schofield, State Library, works part-time and is in on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays until 1:00 p.m. However, anyone in reference can help when she is out.

MINNESOTA — Marilyn Cathcart says the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1994. In December, library staff hosted an anniversary/holiday party with the House Research Department to thank legislative staff and members for their ongoing support of the library. Robbie LaFleur and Lisa Knoop, of the library's staff, designed a 25th anniversary logo which has been printed on sweatshirts for library staff members.

In Fall 1994, Randi Madisen and Robbie LaFleur made presentations at three two-hour Internet training sessions that were held for legislators and legislative staff. When the sessions were originally designed, planners anticipated attendance of 60 people. Registration was cut off when it reached 450. Robbie and Randi have followed this overview of the Internet with further small group sessions presented to Senate staff entitled, "Where the good stuff is." These sessions are designed to describe Internet gopher resources of possible interest to researchers.
So far, they have made five such small group presentations, attracting an audience of 6-11 each time.

The Minnesota Legislature's Staff Gopher Design Team has been awarded the John Finnegan Freedom of Information Day Award. Annually, on James Madison's birthday of March 16, Freedom of Information Day is celebrated in Minnesota. The John R. Finnegan Award is presented to an individual or group that has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the power of information to effect change. Several library staff were leaders in the Gopher Design Team effort, including Marion Matters, Leif Eischen, Randi Madisen and Marilyn Cathcart.

NEW JERSEY — The Legislative Services Library is moving to the State House Annex in about a month. The tentative date is February 10, 1995. At that time they hope to get access to the Internet.

NEW YORK — (from Deb Priest) New York is planning to host the 1995 Professional Development Seminar for LRL!

NORTH CAROLINA — The Legislative Library has added a new librarian position to their staff. Donald Bradsher will be their Technical Services Librarian and his main focus will be indexing and automation.

NCSL PUBLICATIONS
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NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLINE
The deadline for the Spring edition of NEWSLINE is March 30, 1995. Send news about your library or significant legislative events in your state to your regional coordinator or Chris Pattarozzi at NCSL, Denver.

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