

# AASL newsletter

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

AASL--another new group--not any more. In the span of two years we have moved from a vague notion, that it might be possible to an official listing in the Encyclopedia of Associations. For those who fashioned the vague notion into reality there is the satisfaction of two national conferences with planning underway for the third one, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, the publication of the AASL Newsletter and a regional organization taking shape. Best of all, the interest and enthusiasm of architecture school librarians assure a bright future for the organization.

Although AASL has developed as an independent organization, it shares common interests with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. We welcome the privilege of meeting in conjunction with ACSA at both regional and national conferences. Based on the ACSA regional structure, six AASL members have been appointed as Acting Regional Directors. Their concern will be with keeping you informed of regional meetings and programs of interest. Later in the year, they will arrange for the election of a Regional Director for the 1981-1982 Association year. Please do contact these members with your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Their names and addresses are published in this issue of our newsletter.

"Pro tem" -- my dictionary only informs me that the words are "short for pro tempore." Granted, but there was nothing short of excellence in the service, the effort, and the execution of the duties of the pro tem offices held by Maryellen (Mel) LoPresti (President), Lynn Crisp (Treasurer) and Paulette Baus (Secretary). For the Association of Architecture School Librarians, I wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to each of them.

Mary C. Dunnigan  
AASL President  
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## AASL THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANS

Plans for the third annual meeting of the Association of Architecture School Librarians are underway. Once again, the ACSA has invited us to meet with them, in Monterey, California, March 22-26, 1981, and we are tentatively planning to hold our sessions March 21-22, freeing us in time to attend some of the ACSA sessions, too.

Those who attended the San Antonio meeting last spring constituted a small but enthusiastic group. We had some excellent sessions with valuable exchanges of information. We believe AASL/ACSA has much to offer to architecture librarians and faculty, and we want to let others know.

As Vice President/President Elect, I am also Program Chairperson for the Monterey meeting, and would appreciate any suggestions, comments, requests, etc., that anyone would care to make. We have a good start! Some of the suggestions made during the San Antonio meeting were:

- Archives: Drawing collections-- development and maintenance
- X Solar energy --resources, materials, etc.
- Documentation for historic preservation
- Career options for architecture librarians
- Bibliographic instruction for architecture
- Publishing in architecture --manuscript preparation, finding a publisher, etc.
- Statistics --how, why, and what to keep, and what to do with them after you've kept them
- X Accreditation boards
- X Visual resources--slide classification systems
- X Faculty/Librarian interaction for promoting library use
- Reference tools/selection tools for architecture
- Computers--computer aided architectural design
- Interlibrary cooperation--resource sharing

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- Meeting research needs of architecture faculty
- Organizing an ephemeral collection
- Sharing session--policy/procedure manuals, library instructional materials, bibliographies--bring samples to display

As you can see, the problem is not coming up with ideas for sessions, it's deciding which are preferred. So, please let your wishes be known. Use the "shopping list" above and check the ones you are interested in-- and add any we haven't thought of! Send them to me and we will begin definite programming for Monterey.

Tentatively, there are plans for sessions on Saturday afternoon and evening (March 21), and possibly Sunday morning (March 22), with a tour to nearby architecture libraries Sunday afternoon. If you feel that Sunday/Monday (March 22,23) would work better for our meetings, please make this known, also. After conferring with ACSA, it appears that expenses at the conference will be surprisingly reasonable--an estimated \$35 per day, which would include sleeping arrangements in triple or quadruple rooms, as well as meals. It is possible to fly directly into Monterey, via commuter lines from Los Angeles and San Francisco. So--start making your plans now--save your pennies --and meet us in MONTEREY.

Please address any inquiries, suggestions, and the like to:

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### A Note about ASILOMAR

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Designed by Julia Morgan (1913) as a national Y.W.C.A. conference center, Asilomar takes its name from the Indian meaning "a place of retreat". Now a California State Monument, the original Administration Building, lodges, dining hall, chapel, and auditorium are still in use today for conferences and meetings.

With its interesting buildings, the sand dunes, the Pacific Ocean and beautiful views, Asilomar promises a memorable setting for our third annual conference.

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## ACTION REPORT / A A S L EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Over the past few months the Executive Board has confirmed and approved the appointment of the following Acting Regional Directors for the 1980-1981 Association year:

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