

## SAN FRANCISCO UPDATE: News from the Vice President

If San Francisco isn't the most wonderful city in the world, the Visitor's Bureau brochures certainly make it sound as if it is. We may have difficulty staying in the hotel for library discussions.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Nikko, Mason and O'Farrell Streets, just a block or two from Union Square. The guidebook says this part of downtown San Francisco is filled with "elegant stores that cater to every taste and do it with style." The cable car to Fisherman's Wharf stops within a block of the hotel.

We will be taking walking tours of the Union Square area and of Nob Hill. The big treat will be the dinner that Frances Chen will arrange for us in Chinatown on Sunday evening.

The business meeting will include two important issues this year. We need to give some serious thought to reuniting with the Association of Architecture Librarians, and we should consider the high cost of the tickets for the ACSA receptions. Last year the two receptions cost our organization \$700. The total cost of our conference was \$1066. Please give these two items some careful thought.

I have also tried to find more time for informal conversation. Do a couple of inexpensive suppers sound interesting to anyone? How about having breakfast together in our meeting room, maybe on the last day? Let me hear from you. I want you to get your money's worth.

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In the October 1989 issue of the AAL Newsletter there was a short article about the possible merger of AAL and AASL. How do members of AAL feel about reuniting with AASL? Sheryl Romeo devised a simple survey which she included in her article. She also requested comments regarding the merger.

The survey results were printed in the January issue of the AAL Newsletter. Apparently most respondents are ready for a merger with AASL, but that sentiment was not uniform among all respondents. One of our members sent the following letter to Sheryl and has given us permission to reproduce it here.

Oct. 23, 1989

Dear Ms. Romeo:

In response to the request in the recent AAL Newsletter for comments on combining AAL and AASL, I have mixed feelings about such a proposition. Granted, there are obvious advantages to a larger membership: better attendance at meetings, better programs, stronger finances, a larger voice for librarians in our field. Somehow it makes sense to have one organization for architecture librarians. Or does it?

The basic difference between AAL and AASL is the group with which each affiliates itself. AIA is the national professional organization for architects, primarily practitioners, but educators, too. Architecture librarians who work with practitioners find AAL an appropriate organization. ACSA, on the other hand, is an organization for architecture educators, many of whom are also AIA members. AASL members are librarians who work with architecture educators in schools of architecture, but, although the subject matter is the same, there are differences in library services to practitioners and services to educators and STUDENTS. AASL members are an important part of the educational process just as AAL firm librarians are an important part of the real world design process, but in different ways, with different types of clients, different methods of service, and working in different organizational structures.

As a long time AASL member and former officer, I would not want to compromise the extremely important relationship AASL has with ACSA. While a larger organization and other benefits would result from combining AAL and AASL, AASL must maintain close ties with ACSA. I do not wish to appear provincial nor do I speak for AASL. This issue deserves further discussion and votes. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Henderson

ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTURE SCHOOL LIBRARIANS  
Eleventh Annual Meeting, Drake Hotel, Chicago  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Sunday, March 5, 1989

Due to President Jocelyn Spratley's absence, Past President Kathy Johnson called the business meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. New Members: Instead of introducing only new members, each conference participant introduced himself or herself, indicating which institution they were with and whether this was the first AASL conference they had attended.
2. Nominations Committee: On behalf of the AASL, Kathy Johnson thanked the Nominations Committee for their work and congratulated incoming Vice-President/President Elect Pat Weisenburger of Kansas State University.
3. Minutes from the Tenth Annual Meeting, March 12, 1988: These minutes were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: Former Treasurer Leigh Gates presented Kathy Brackney's Treasurer's Report. A copy of the report was run in the last AASL Newsletter.

5. Old Business: There was no old business to come before the group.

6. New Business:

a. Draft of a Calendar of Activities for AASL Officers and Newsletter Editor: Kathy Johnson presented a draft of a calendar of activities for officers and the editor of the newsletter to follow in order to assure that the business of the organization runs smoothly. She noted that a separate checklist of activities for organizing the annual conference also exists, but was not included in this draft. She requested input from the membership and suggested that a working calendar be formally adopted at the 1990 AASL Meeting.

A revised version of the calendar, incorporating suggestions made at the annual meeting, is appended to these minutes.

b. Editor for Newsletter: A discussion was held about the AASL Newsletter, which had last appeared as the fall issue in 1987. In order to have a functioning newsletter, the editor needs to have material from the membership, including timely conference reports and articles or editorials by various officers and members. Some of these concerns were addressed in the Calendar (see 6.a. above).

Barbara Opar, who had been editing the Newsletter, had indicated by phone that she would be willing to pass on the editorship. Kay Logan-Peters agreed to edit the Newsletter for a while. The AASL passed a resolution thanking Barbara Opar for all of her good work as editor.

c. The 1990 conference will be held in San Francisco.

d. Everyone applauded Anita Anderson for organizing a splendid meeting.

7. The Business Meeting adjourned around 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Johnson

Calendar of Activities for AASL Officers and Newsletter Editor  
Revised Version, 1989

MARCH

----Annual meeting of the AASL.

----Early in meeting, the person (V.P.) who planned the conference asks individual conference participants to serve as reporters for specific sessions. Gives them written reminders of a May 1 due date for report and address to send report to. Need to decide if V.P./President reviews summaries before/after editor does.

----Vice-President also informs editor of names of all reporters.

----Although this has not been on the public conference schedule in previous years, this should be added: an executive meeting of all new and outgoing officers, plus the editor. The outgoing president chairs the meeting and reviews this Calendar with officer, highlighting responsibilities and due dates.

----At this executive meeting, all officers and editor receive copies of current Constitution and Bylaws and review them. Also receive a complete membership list.

----At this executive meeting, also, all outgoing officers turn over to new officers all relevant files.  
----At conclusion of the AASL annual meeting, new officers assume office.  
----New president (person who planned meeting) writes thank you letters to participants.  
----New president reviews AASL files to make sure all relevant new materials are filed, in order to keep the history of the organization up to date.

#### APRIL

----Reporters write conference summaries and mail them to editor or president. Need to decide if vice-president/president reviews summaries before/after editor does.  
----President writes column for newsletter introducing the conference summaries and making some general comments about the outcome of the conference.

#### MAY

----May 1-7: editor receives all conference reports; writes or calls to remind those who have not yet turned in their reports to do so immediately.  
----Editor prepares reports for June Newsletter.

#### JUNE

----Newsletter containing the conference report is mailed to all who are current dues-paying members or have paid their dues within the past three years.  
----Editor, treasurer, and president work together to indicate to let members know that their membership has lapsed and may be renewed by mailing in dues and membership form to treasurer. A note or colored mark on the mailing label should be sufficient to indicate current or lapsed membership.  
----Vice-President continues to work on conference plans. Uses separate Checklist of Conference Planning Activities.  
----If interest exists, editor lines up writers for special topics issue of Newsletter to appear in October/November.

#### JULY--SEPTEMBER

----Vice-President makes firm enough plans for March conference to submit a preliminary conference announcement letter to the general membership via the October/November Newsletter.  
----Vice-President mails the letter and any accompanying conference-related information to Newsletter editor.  
----Treasurer issues midyear membership list, sending copy to President. Should indicate any first time members and any other relevant materials to new members.

#### OCTOBER--DECEMBER

----Editor puts out October/November Newsletter with preliminary conference information and any special columns from guest writers. Notes that registration information will be mailed after the December ACSA News arrives with hotel registration information.  
----Vice-President confirms with various speakers and panelists that they will participate in AASL's March conference.  
----Vice-President contacts ACSA in writing to request reservation of 25 ACSA printed programs for the March meeting. Offers to reimburse ACSA for them. Also, works with ACSA to assure inclusion of AASL conference activities in program if Executive Board desires.  
----Nominating Committee contacts members to run for AASL offices.

----Vice-President makes more definite conference plans toward mid-December and prepares for the early January mailing to members which will include all conference registration information.

----Nominating Committee submits slate of officers to President by Dec. 31.

#### JANUARY

----Vice-President mails out conference information, including membership renewal form, in first week of January.

----President acknowledges receipt of slate from Nominating Committee.

----Nominating Committee prepares ballot and mailing to all AASL members who are in good standing according to the Treasurer as of January 20.

----Nominating Committee mails ballots by January 31, with a return date of no later than February 28/29 to teller.

----Treasurer generates list of members current as of January 20 and mails copy to President. This list should be updated again after the first newsletter of the year is put out and the reminder to renew has been made in it.

----President mails letter of welcome to new members, including in it a copy of the AASL Constitution and Bylaws, a copy of this calendar, and copies of any other useful materials.

#### FEBRUARY

----Ballots are due back by February 28/29 to teller.

----Nominating Committee teller tallies results and notifies Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee chair notifies President of results.

----President notifies newly elected officers of their election.

----Treasurer draws up annual Treasurer's Report for inclusion in March annual business meeting. Report covers all expenses from March 1 through February 28/29 of the previous year. Treasurer mails copies to President and Vice-President for inclusion in conference packets.

----President arranges for audit (by Executive Board or by selected members) of treasury accounts in years divisible by three.

----Vice-President continues to work on conference details. See separate conference activities listing for further information.

#### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Please remember to renew your membership when you register for the conference. If you cannot attend the conference this year, please don't forget to renew your membership soon.