What a wonderful year this has been! One full of challenges and accomplishments at every level of the Association.

Last summer I asked you to participate personally in "Building Bridges," (let me again give credit where credit is due—Margie Axe and our fabulous chairs of the Education Committee, came up with this one) and you have! A comprehensive list is impossible (because it is so long and I'd have to go back and read all the AALL newsletters again). Let me highlight a few bridges that are going up (for me if these bridges had piddlings driven before 1900's):

- SCALL has convoked the L.A. Daily Journal and the Daily Transcript to include regular articles about SCALL's meetings, institutes, and the new President.
- LL00 held its first annual meeting with the local chapters of SLA and MLS.
- NELA planned a program for the annual conference of the New Jersey Library Association.
- NOCALL has been working with its regional Medical Library Association by giving presentations on legal research.
- LLAGNY is looking into ways to become a more visible force for recruiting by participating in career days at local colleges and high schools.
- VALL is lobbying their State Bar Association to publish ethics and unauthorized practice of law decisions in a more accessible format.

The State Bar has also appointed a VALL member to a bar committee looking at online legal information in Virginia.

Many other activities are underway. Librarians, law librarians and law libraries have been the subject of articles in Cosmopolitan (July 1990), the Library Journal, California Lawyer, law school alumni publications (notably UPS law school and U of Wisconsin), the Bar Bulletin (Seattle King County Bar), the Washington State Bar News, Rocky Mountain News and bookman (New York State Library).

Our many official representatives have been carrying the banner of our profession as well. Regular reports of these important activities have appeared in a new AALL Newsletter column. These contacts with related law and library groups have an almost insatiable value to law librarianship and AALL. Identifying common interests and sharing expertise are only two of the benefits from these relationships. The fact is that the official representation in and of itself is wonderful public relations for our profession.

All of the Association's committees, special interest sections, and other groups have been building bridges as well. The Special Recruitment committee did yeoman labor this year. The two-year Special Public Relations Committee is working on a draft report. I wish so thank all of the hardworking volunteers who make this Association tick. Especially in tight economic times, I am constantly amazed at the time and dedication given by so many of you. Thank you for enriching our colleagues and our profession by your labor. Thank you for the giving of your personal and professional time and resources.

We turn to face the decade of the nineties with a wonderful long-range plan supported by our dedicated and hardworking Executive Director, Judy Genesen, and her Headquarters staff. Our accomplishments this year would have been minimal without the advice, support, and can-do attitude of our Chicago staff. Three cheers to them.

I write for the last time as your President. It has truly been an honor to serve you. Although it has been an exhausting year, I have been privileged to meet and work with many of you on a wide diversity of projects and problems. I am proud of what you have accomplished. Thank you for this very memorable opportunity. I know the Association and law librarianship will be propelled even further ahead under Carolyn Ahearn's leadership. Keep building those bridges!

Penny