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Dorothy, I am faxing this to you because you will be leaving so soon. I will mail it to the rest of the committee. I hope it is not too late. Perhaps you can get Mila or someone else to do the mailings for you.

You will note several changes in this latest draft (which of course can still be changed based on the Committee's and the membership's feedback). Based on some questions from Helena about a quorum for business meetings, I have decided to define "quorum" in a very broad way. Although I could not get ahold of Robert's Rules in a hurry, I checked definitions in the Funk & Wagnalls Book of Parliamentary Procedure which suggested the very loose definition I used as being okay for organizations like ours where it is usually impossible for a large number of the membership to attend business meetings.

Secondly, I decided not to mention anything about dues, but I did add back provisions for amending the Bylaws. As I mentioned earlier, we need to get something relatively non-controversial accepted now that will meet current needs. I have never been in an organization which did not feel some need to "polish up" the bylaws later, especially when they were new. Unfortunately, with the additions we've made already, they are no longer one page long!

I had planned to draft a cover letter explaining the committee's thinking to the membership but decided against it due to the need to get this to you immediately. If you have the time, you might wish to do that. I would especially like to ask for

feedback on a proposed name change to the Asian-American Law Librarians Caucus, emphasizing that in the AALL organization our status is defined as a caucus and that some members feel this name implies that we have an important agenda.

Well, I hope this meets your needs for now! Have a wonderful trip, and tell us all about it this summer in New Orleans.

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