AALL
NATIVE PEOPLES LAW CAUCUS

ANNUAL MEETING – Monday, July 18, 2005, at 5:15 pm

Marriott Riverwalk – Salon C
San Antonio, Texas

AGENDA

Faye Hadley – ad-hoc chair

Caucus minutes -- Monica Martens

1. The attendees decided on roles and responsibilities for the following year:

Faye Hadley will remain the chairperson for the purpose of being the contact person with AALL.

Vicky Santana will solicit and collect articles for the newsletter. Nancy Carol Carter will serve as the editor/publisher/distributor for next year's meeting.

Faye Hadley will be the web manager.

Janet Katz will serve as the treasurer.

Monica Martens will take minutes at this meeting.

David Selden will continue with the collaborative collection development project and will review last year's notes.

Janet Katz will discuss implementing a list serv for the group through AALL.

David Selden and Jolande Goldberg will look into teleconferencing hosting through the Native American Rights Fund and the Library of Congress, respectively, so that the caucus could have the opportunity to meet midyear or sooner via telephone.

Despite the division of roles and responsibilities, decisions will continue to be arrived at through consensus.

2. The attendees approved the mission statement:
The aim of the Native Peoples Law Caucus is to provide a forum in which Native law and other issues that impact indigenous people worldwide can be discussed, ideas shared, information exchanged, and education offered. The Caucus encourages and facilitates the analysis, cataloging, collection, dissemination, management, organization, and preservation of Native Law in accordance with cultural tradition.

Side note from Monica: recommend that we use Native law not Native Law (both are used); also recommend the phrase "indigenous peoples" (plural); also recommend "cultural traditions" (plural). Hope I didn't transcribe incorrectly -- am very tired!

Jolande Goldberg (LOC) will take our mission statement to the next meeting of the American Society for International Law. She is a member of the International Indigenous Law Interest Section and would like to make them aware of our caucus.

3. The attendees introduced themselves -- Note: list emailed separately.

4. The attendees discussed program proposals for next year's annual meeting:

(a) An overview of the Cobell case. Possible speakers could include Eloise Cobell. David Selden explained that Keith Harper from NARF might not be able to take time out of his schedule to do such a program.

(b) The legal record program for tribes that Nancy Carol Carter is facilitating. The program would explain why it's important for tribes to have a federal legal history and the loss of institutional memory among tribal members regarding historical matters or cases. Vicky Santana suggested Rez Judicata as a title.

Discussions about these program ideas will continue for the next few weeks, hopefully via the list serv if that can get up and running quickly. Proposals are due August 15th.

5. Jolande Goldberg discussed the revision of the classification system to incorporate a new area in the KI section for tribal law materials, and several possible organizational methods.

*** Side note from Monica, Jolande and Nancy Carol Carter are discussing a proposal for a 30 minute program about this in which both would participate in addition to a member of the TS-SIS. This would be a third program proposal.