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Hazel L. Johnson Southeastern Chapter of the AALL (SEALL) Smith and Hulsey 500 Barnett Bank Building Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We are writing on behalf of the AALL Membership Committee to ask about your chapter's membership requirements and about your membership categories in particular. By now you have probably been warned by President Lolly Gassaway that this letter would be coming. The Committee is interested in learning how your chapter has dealt with defining membership categories (active, associate, student, retired, etc.). Our interest stems from a desire to clarify and streamline the membership structure of AALL due to confusion over the role and status of law librarians acting as independent/entrepreneurial/consultant librarians. Other questions concerning student status, life membership and institutional membership are also nagging the committee.

We would appreciate knowing about any history your chapter has had regarding membership categories and especially about the rights associated with those categories. From your Constitution/Bylaws we have been able to determine who can vote, hold office and participate on committees in your chapter. Could you provide us with more information about the evolution of your membership categories and associated rights? Are you and your members content with your current membership structure? Do you envision changes?

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We would very much appreciate a prompt written response. If this is not possible, please be advised that a member of the Membership committee will be calling you before the end of September to talk with you about all of this.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or if you would like to talk about this right away.

Sincerely,

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