Academic Law Libraries SIS 2007-08

The 2007-08 Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) board consists of Michelle Wu, Chair; Filippa Marullo Anzalone, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Linda Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer; Marianne Sidorski Alcorn, Member at Large; and Suzanne Thorpe, Immediate Past Chair.

Important initiatives for the year included creation of the Student Services Committee, expanding the charge of the Status Committee to include economic as well as appointment status, and reducing vendor sponsorship of ALL-SIS programs in response to member concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

The Student Services Committee is chaired by James Durham. The major undertaking of the committee was creation and dissemination of a Student Services in Academic Law Libraries Survey. The survey received 289 visits, ending in 178 completed responses. The detailed results of this survey are available on the committee Web site and in the ALL-SIS Newsletter. In conjunction with the tallying of survey results, the committee collected sample student services documents and publicity materials for an online resource bank which will be housed on the committee’s Web site and which will be updated annually. The survey will serve as a reference point as the committee undertakes the following projects in the coming year: drafting sample policies for librarian collaboration with law journals and creating a survey of law student research habits and needs.

Jonathan Franklin and Kory Staheli, continuing co-chairs of the Statistics Committee, tested at their home institutions the output measures survey instrument that their committee developed last year with member input. In the spring of 2008, after testing and refining the survey further, they distributed the updated survey to ALL-SIS members. They also surveyed academic law library directors on the anticipated effectiveness of the survey and are currently reviewing comments to determine appropriate next steps.

Chaired by Kathleen Carrick, the Tenure and Economic Status Committee discussed various ways to survey the membership on their concerns about and interests in various status issues, ranging from librarian tenure to compensation to benefits. The committee will be distributing a survey in the coming months which will collect relevant data from the membership, the first step in a significant data collection undertaking intended to result in a white paper on status as it relates to academic law librarians.

ALL-SIS will offer many educational programs during the 2008 Annual Meeting. Nine programs and one workshop were chosen for the official program by the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee. ALL-SIS also independently funded three other programs, “Supporting New Faculty—Help Them to Energize, Evolve and Explore their Teaching and Scholarship Responsibilities,” “Evolving Research Instruction: Exploring Law Student Information Literacy to Energize Instructional Programming,” and “Evolving from Snoozing to Using: Increasing Student-Centered Learning Using Educational Technology.” In addition, Elizabeth Edinger and Trina Robinson will coordinate a forum
for Middle Managers on the subject of reorganizations and the growth of teamwork approaches and flat management styles that lead to less traditional hierarchies. At the Academic Law Library Directors’ Breakfast, Peter Nycum has arranged a program featuring both LexisNexis and Westlaw representatives to discuss the increasing costs to libraries and rapidly changing policies within each organization causing difficulties for academic law libraries.

ALL-SIS is hosting one Valuable Invited Participant (VIP) at the 2008 Annual Meeting: Steve Johansen, past president of the Legal Writing Institute, who will address the membership during our business meeting. He will discuss opportunities for our groups to collaborate in the coming years. At the Awards Ceremony on the same evening, we will recognize all of the award winners for the year:

- Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship: Roy M. Mersky and Robert L. Oakley.


- ALL-SIS Outstanding Service Award: Diane Murley (Web Administrator) and Leah Sandwell-Weiss (ALL-SIS Newsletter Editor)

In April, ALL-SIS held its election of new officers. This was the fourth year that the election was held electronically. The newly elected officers are: Beth Adelman, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Sara Sampson, Secretary/Treasurer. They join continuing board members Filippa Anzalone, Chair, Marianne Alcorn, Member At Large, and Michelle M. Wu, Immediate Past Chair.

Michelle M. Wu, Chair
2007-08
The SIS Council consists of the chairs of AALL’s thirteen Special Interest Sections. Its purpose is to improve communication among the Sections, provide a conduit for bringing the needs of the Sections to the AALL Executive Board, and provide a mechanism for distributing relevant information from Headquarters to SIS leaders.

A number of years ago, the SISs began using a matrix to schedule their meetings and programs. The matrix is open for viewing by all and allows for scheduling with a minimum of conflicting events. The matrix was open during October. Once the schedule is set, SIS leaders submitted scheduling forms to Headquarters.

Prior to the 2007 New Orleans conference, the SIS council took the lead on organizing the Association’s first ever volunteer effort. With the success of that initial effort, the SIS Council worked to create opportunities in Portland. Volunteers were sent to the Oregon Food Bank to pack food and to the Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, part of the Portland Parks system, to eradicate invasive species, i.e. weed. Approximately 20 people participated at each location.

The SIS Leadership Training is held the Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting. Incoming chairs and vice chairs are invited to prepare them to handle their duties, better understand the inner workings of the Association, and get to know each other. In 2008, the group heard presentations on Annual Meeting programs and planning from AALL Director of Meetings Pam Reisinger who explained how to work with the matrix and the various deadlines throughout the year. AALL Education Manager Celeste Smith discussed the Continuing Professional Education program and encouraged SISs to develop programs outside of the Annual Meeting. AALL Director of Finance Paula Davidson explained how SIS finances work. AMPC Chair Paul George reviewed the process for submitting program proposals. The SIS Council was reminded that the newly revised SIS Handbook is an online only resource.

The SIS Council’s business meeting is held on Saturday afternoon. The chairs received reports on the 2008 Community Service Day held that morning. There was also discussion of the VIP program, the trial one-day registration waiver provided in 2008 for non-member speakers on SIS sponsored programs, and ways to increase exchange of ideas among the SISs.

Ron Wheeler, 2007-08 Chair of the Social Responsibilities SIS, was elected SIS Council Chair for 2008-09.

Catherine Lemann, Chair
2007-08
The Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS (FCIL-SIS) had an excellent year. It made progress on several fronts while serving the needs of its members. This year’s executive board was Jonathan Franklin, Chair, Dennis Sears, Vice Chair, Marylin Raisch, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mary Rumsey, Immediate Past Chair.

The FCIL-SIS Ellen Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians was awarded this year to Leanne Cummings from Brisbane, Australia. The grant was made possible by contributions to the grant and corpus of over $3500 from SIS members and friends. The committee chair was Tom Kimbrough, who was joined by Teresa Miguel and Christopher O’Byrne.

Funding the grant was another major area of progress. The goal of the FCIL-SIS was to avoid using the interest from the corpus to fund the grant, to permit the corpus to build up from past market downturns. In addition, the FCIL-SIS knew that there would need to be a longer term structure to build the corpus up to be able to fund the entire amount out of interest. To that end, Dan Wade chaired a committee that looked at how to fund the grant for 2007-08. Due to the efforts of many, over $3500 was raised, with $2000 going to the grantee and $1500+ going to the corpus. In addition, Ellen Schaffer and the SIS will be meeting with AALL in Portland, the site of this year’s Annual Meeting to discuss future fundraising possibilities.

In terms of outreach, Mabel Shaw took on the position of newsletter editor and did an excellent job, as did Heidi Kuehl as Webmaster.

The SIS has a new strategic plan, thanks to Molly Brownfield, Victor Essien, Barbara Garavaglia, Carolyn McKelvey, Mary Rumsey (chair), and Dan Wade.


The SIS election went off without a hitch, thanks to Dennis Sears. Marylin Raisch was elected vice chair/chair-elect. Heidi was elected as the SIS secretary/treasurer. Due to Heidi’s election, she will be stepping down as the SIS’s Webmaster. There is currently a search for her replacement. In addition to the election, the SIS membership passed a request to employ fundraising for the Schaffer Grants for 2007-08 and 2008-09, before dipping into the interest from the corpus. In addition, any funds received over the award amount would be contributed to the grant’s corpus. This can be changed if the 2008-09 executive board wants to, but the two year time span was to put the grant on as firm a footing as possible.
The shortened Annual Meeting created a new set of scheduling challenges. There is an FCIL event or meeting at almost every available timeslot. The major changes for this year were merging the FCIL-SIS reception and the IALL reception as well as adding a second Foreign Selectors Interest Group meeting. There is interest in starting a Roman Law Interest Group in 2009, led by Lucia Diamond and Christopher O’Byrne.

Jonathan Franklin, Chair
2007-08
The Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (LHRB) had a busy and productive year. It sponsored or co-sponsored a number of excellent programs at the July 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans: “Taking Up the Gauntlet: The Duel in Southern Legal History,” “Rome: The Power of Film to Teach Foundations of Roman and Civil Law,” “Huey Long and the Press: Louisiana’s Contribution to Modern Constitutional Law,” and its roundtable “Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of Cowell’s Interpreter.” Many thanks to the Education Committee, and especially its chair Laura Ray, for spearheading another successful program proposal process.

In fall 2007, a long-incubating new initiative finally came to fruition. Together with Gale Cengage Learning, the LHRB-SIS is co-sponsoring a new Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Contest. Open to all students of librarianship, law, and history, this contest is designed to encourage scholarship and introduce new members to AALL and LHRB. The Essay Contest Committee, chaired by Katherine Hedin, will be announcing the contest shortly, and the first round of submissions will be solicited after the 2008 Annual Meeting. Our gratitude goes to Stephen Wasserstein of Gale Cengage Learning, to Fred Shapiro, librarian consultant to Gale, for proposing this exciting new venture, and to the committee for getting it off the ground.

Another major project that is nearing completion is the LHRB-SIS’s first brochure, which will debut at the Annual Meeting in Portland. This brochure was the work of the Publications Committee; Stacy Etheredge, Glen-Peter Ahlers and AALL’s Director of Publications Julia O’Donnell deserve special thanks.

Also debuting at the Portland meeting will be LHRB’s first-ever reception, which will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday night. The theme is beer! If the event is successful, we may make it an annual event. Special thanks to Laura Ray, Mark Podvia, and the folks at Lucky Lab Brewpub for their work on this.

As always, Newsletter Editor Mark Podvia and Articles Editors Jennie Meade and Kurt Metzmeier continue to do outstanding work for the SIS. LHRB’s thrice-yearly newsletter is both newsy and substantive. It is enriched not only by Mark’s skilled editorial hand but also by regular columns by Sarah Yates (rare book cataloging), Anne Mar (recent acquisitions), Amy Taylor (exhibit news), Fred LeBaron (member news), and Dan Blackaby (legal history news). Joel Fishman edits the extensive collection of book reviews that run in every issue as well.

Also on the publications front, expect to see a new electronic journal, Unbound, premiere soon on the LHRB-SIS Web site. This journal will feature selected articles from past issues of the Newsletter, with the goal of making them available in a more permanent, and searchable, format that will be accessible to people outside of the SIS and AALL. Many thanks to Mark Podvia and Kurt Metzmeier (Webmaster) for taking on this wonderful initiative.
One of the best things about serving as chair is the opportunity to meet, and work with, people in the profession who love legal history and rare books. Many of them have contributed in large and small ways to the work of the SIS, and I am grateful to all of them. I am especially grateful to those who serve with me on the board: Stacy Etheredge, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (2007-2009); Sarah Yates, Secretary/Treasurer (2006-2008); Laura Ray, Immediate Past Chair; and Dan Blackaby, who will be joining the board as Secretary/Treasurer in July 2008.

Karen Beck, Chair
2007-08
Legal Information Services to the Public SIS 2007-08

The officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP-SIS) for 2007-08 were Luis Acosta, Chair; Betty Agin, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; John Cannan, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sara Galligan, Immediate Past Chair.

This year, a new Joint Committee on Pro Bono Partnerships was formed from members of LISP-SIS and SCCLL-SIS, to explore the ways in which law librarians can improve services for and engage in partnership opportunities with existing pro bono projects and otherwise assist under-served members of the public.

LISP-SIS’s State-Specific Public Library Toolkits is an ongoing project designed to assist non-law public librarians and pro se patrons gain bibliographic knowledge of legal titles in their state. As of June 2008, toolkits for 24 states and the District of Columbia were available on the LISP-SIS Web site.

At the Annual Meeting in Portland, LISP-SIS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring three programs selected by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC): “Serving the Mentally Ill Patron: Theory and Techniques for Safe Interactions,” co-sponsored with RIPS-SIS; “Lawyers in the Library: Exploring New Ways to Serve our Public Patrons,” co-sponsored with SCCLL-SIS; and “Avoiding Giving Legal Advice at the Library: Exploring the Legal and Ethical Framework of Assistance to the Self-Represented,” co-sponsored with SCCLL-SIS. In addition, LISP-SIS is also coordinating its first non-AMPC program at an Annual Meeting, titled “Exploring the Evolving Field of Assisted Living for the Elderly.” LISP-SIS also is co-sponsoring the annual “Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners” with SR-SIS and SCCLL-SIS.

LISP-SIS’s Garner Grant Award, established to honor the memory of Kathy Garner, provides financial assistance for attending the AALL Annual Meeting. Two LISP-SIS members, Melanie Salon and Mindy Rush, were awarded the Garner Grant and will receive assistance to attend the Annual Meeting in Portland.

LISP-SIS’s Executive Committee chose Bonnie Rose Hough, Managing Attorney for the California Administrative Office of the Court’s Center for Families, Children & the Courts, to serve as the SIS’s “Valuable Invited Participant” at the Annual Meeting.

In April, the members of LISP-SIS elected Terrye Conroy to serve as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and John Cannan to serve a second year as Secretary-Treasurer during 2008-09. Betty Agin will serve as chair for 2008-09, and Luis Acosta will serve on the executive committee as immediate past chair.

Luis Acosta, Chair
2007-08
The Micrographics/AudioVisual (M/AV) SIS is a highly specialized group of experts particularly devoted to promoting the effective and creative use of micrographic and audiovisual technologies. Reflecting this purpose, 2007 educational programming continued M/AV’s tradition of excellence at the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans. With Bernard Keith Vetter (Loyola University New Orleans College of Law) and Dennis P. Kehoe (Tulane University Department of Classical Studies), the M/AV SIS Education Coordinator Laura Ray (Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library), co-presented “Rome: The Power of Film to Teach Foundations of Roman and Civil Law.” With Terrence McCormack (SUNY Buffalo Sears Law Library), Laura also co-presented the M/AV SIS Roundtable “Mandatory Digital TV: Technological Triumph or Information-Access Tragedy?” The content of this roundtable has been expanded and will be presented at the 2008 AALL Annual Meeting in Portland as “Mandatory Digital TV and the Evolution of Library DVD Collections.”

The officers for 2007-08 were Janice Selberg (Ave Maria School of Law Library), Chair; Glen McBeth (Washburn University of Topeka School of Law Library), Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Terrence McCormack (State University of New York at Buffalo Sears Law Library), Secretary/Treasurer. John Pedini (Social Law Library) continued to edit The Viewfinder, the SIS newsletter, and Troy Johnson (Creighton University School of Law Klutznick Law Library) continued to manage the Web site.

The Micrographics/AudioVisual SIS is proud of its historical achievements and is pleased to continue to serve as a central resource for educational technology, audiovisual enhancement of learning, analog technology, and digital technology expertise.

Janice Selberg, Chair
2007-08
Online Bibliographic Services SIS 2007-08

The Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS-SIS) was led by a board consisting of Andrea Rabbia, Chair; Michael Maben, Vice Chair; Mary Strouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Members-at-Large, Corinne Jacox and Susan Karpuk; and Susan Goldner, Past Chair. Janet McKinney and Ellen McGrath served as the representatives to the Technical Services Law Librarian Board; George Praeger served as representative to MARBI; and Phyllis Post served as representative to OCLC.

The standing committees were chaired by Andrea Rabbia and Michael Maben, Education (2008 and 2009 Annual Meetings, respectively); Richard Jost, Nominating; Elaine Bradshaw, Local Systems; Keiko Okuhara and Ming Lu, OCLC/RLIN; Ruth Funabiki, OBS/TS Joint Research Grant; and Kevin Butterfield, Web Advisory. Special committees were chaired by Pat Callahan, Record Sharing; and Susan Goldner, Bylaws and Governance.

In fall 2007, at the request of OBS-SIS, AALL President Ann T. Fessenden appointed Phyllis Post as temporary OCLC representative. Ms. Post attended the October 2007, February 2008 and May 2008 OCLC Members’ Council Meetings in Dublin, Ohio. Permanent representation will be considered in 2010.

The OBS chair coordinated with OCLC, AALL and Karen Selden at the University of Colorado Law Library to create the American Association of Law Libraries OBS-SIS Legal Websites as a WorldCat Collection set, which provides visibility to both AALL and OBS-SIS in OCLC.

The Special Committee on Bylaws and Governance completely revised the OBS-SIS bylaws, the OBS Calendar of Activities and also began revising the OBS Procedures Manual. The bylaws were pre-approved by the AALL Bylaws Committee in April 2008 and will be voted on at the OBS Annual Meeting in Portland. Work on the OBS Procedures Manual will continue.

The Special Committee on Record Sharing drafted an outline of ethical guidelines for record sharing and has begun to craft that outline into a set of formal guidelines.

OBS created the first AALL Special Interest Section page on Facebook. The OBS-SIS: Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section of AALL page on Facebook brings OBS-SIS more visibility; allows members to become fans of OBS; announces events, programs, useful resources; and connects OBS-SIS fans together.

The Web Advisory Committee began a complete review of the OBS Web site. The committee has also agreed to take over maintenance of the OBS page on Facebook.

Four OBS members volunteered to review, comment and provide vote recommendations to Mary Alice Baish regarding the following NISO standards: Kevin Butterfield (ISO/PDTR 26102), Emily Carr (ISO/DTR 28118), George Prager (ISO/DIS 8459), and Mila Rush (ISO NWI & ISO/FDIS 9707).
OBS-SIS sponsored 11 program proposals for the 2008 Annual Meeting, five of which were accepted. OBS-SIS also co-sponsored one SCCLL program proposal that was accepted: “Encore, Enterprise, Primo & WorldCat Local: Explore the Evolving Discovery Tools for Your Catalog,” “The Good, The Bad, the Ugly: Rethinking Bibliographic Services in the 21st Century,” “Explore the Effective Use of Cataloger's Desktop,” Explore the Effective Use of Classification Web,” “Exploring Relevancy Ranking Systems in Search Engines on the Web and in our OPACs: What They Are—How They Work,” and “Using WorldCat.org's Social Software to Promote the Law Library,” co-sponsored by SCCLL-SIS.


For the 2008 Annual Meeting, Corinne Jacox coordinated the OBS table in the Exhibit Hall and Susan Karpuk co-coordinated the Alphabet Soup reception.

Mary Strouse ran OBS’s third electronic election this year. The newly elected officers for 2008-09 are Patricia Sayre McCoy, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Elaine Bradshaw, Member-at-Large.

Andrea Rabbia, Chair
2007-08
Once again the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS) had a very productive year. The year kicked off in November with RIPS hosting an AALL webinar titled “Technical Issues and Practical Matters: A Law Library Q and A on Legal Technology.” Under the direction of Robb Farmer, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University, the webinar had over 60 participants and received a favorable rating from attendees.

RIPS committees were also busy creating content designed to meet the needs of today’s information professional. The Patron Services Committee under the leadership of Maribel Nash, Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, collected service guides from member libraries on circulation, interlibrary loan, and reference services among others. The guides may be found on the RIPS Web page. Maribel was also awarded a RIPS Grant for the Annual Meeting.

The RIPS Web site also has the 2008 Legal Research Teach-In, which was produced by the Legal Research Teach-In Committee and edited by Jennifer Murray, Superior Court Law Library, Maricopa County. The 2008 Teach-In offers a variety of tools for teaching legal research, including games, handouts, guides, exercises, and PowerPoint presentations.

Speaking of the Web page, the Web Page Committee, guided by Uwe “Ed” Beltz, Texas Tech University Law Library, underwent a major redesign. Now the site is easier to update and it looks terrific! The Web Committee also investigated the possibility of creating a new research portal using a wiki.

Jennifer Murray was also chair of the Program Committee and worked with several members on submitting excellent program proposals for the 2008 Annual Meeting. The committee’s work was rewarded when the Annual Meeting Program Committee selected six RIPS sponsored programs for the 2008 Annual Meeting. News of the Program Committee’s success was communicated to members through the RIPS newsletter edited by Michelle Rigual, University of New Mexico Law Library. The Newsletter Editor Committee produced an excellent newsletter on the topic of technology and teaching legal research.

The Research Instruction Committee, under the direction of Marc Silverman, University of Pittsburgh Barco Law Library, reviewed legal research programs presented at the CALI conference in June 2008. The reviews will be posted on the RIPS Web site. Also, Duane Strojny, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Chair of the Nominations Committee collected a great slate of candidates. The 2008-09 RIPS officers are: Jennifer Murray, Chair; Robb Farmer, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Michelle Rigual, Secretary/Treasurer; and Gail Partin and Monica Ortale, Members at Large.
Lastly, longtime RIPS member and chair of the Public Relations and Recruitment Committee Peggy McDermott, St. Louis University, was recognized by the RIPS Executive Board for her outstanding service to RIPS. Congratulations Peggy!

Irene R. Good, Chair
2007-08
The Social Responsibilities SIS (SR-SIS) continues to serve as a venue for focusing attention on and serving as a forum for discussion of critical social issues affecting members of AALL in our professional and personal lives.

SR-SIS officers for 2007-08 were Ronald Wheeler, Chair; Courtney Selby, Vice Chair; Larry Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer; Past Chair was vacant because Wheeler was serving a second term; Jorge Juarez, Chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, Chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included Courtney Selby, Program; Stephanie Davidson, Nominations; David Brian Holt, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Web Site. The 2008 CONELL and Activities Area exhibits will be coordinated by Courtney Selby. The 2008 Book Drive team featured Jorge Juarez and Ann Hemmens.

The leadership team for 2008-09 will include: Courtney Selby, Chair; Larry Reeves, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Stephanie Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Three SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2008 Annual Meeting: “Animal Law: An Emerging Area of Practice and Clinical Legal Education,” proposed by Ann Hemmens; “Oregon's Death with Dignity Act: A Legal History,” proposed by Etheldra Scoggin and co-sponsored by the Legal History and Rare Books SIS; and “The Fourth E - The Environment and Law Libraries,” proposed by Elizabeth Outler and co-sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL).

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee awarded the 2008 grant to Meg Butler and Lee Van Duzer. Because both recipients needed less than the full amount of the grant, we were able to split the regular grant award between them, providing a great opportunity for both! Meg is the Reference Librarian with a Concentration in International and Comparative Law at New York Law School, and Lee is the Law Library Fellow at the James E. Rogers College of Law at The University of Arizona. The $500 grant, given to defray travel or registration costs for the Annual Meeting, was made possible through the bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University Law Library Director and AALL Treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents will again participate in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting. This roundtable is co-sponsored by the SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS.

“A Book for Every Child” is the theme of the SR-SIS 10th annual children’s book drive. This year’s efforts will benefit the Willamette Writers Inc. Books for Kids book donation program. This group collects and distributes over 23,000 new and used books annually to underprivileged children and teenagers throughout Portland, Oregon state, and southwest Washington state. The books are given to the many agencies serving these children who then give the books to the children, so that each child owns his/her own book.
The SR-SIS Executive Board has undertaken a project to revise its bylaws to bring them into compliance with the SIS Model Bylaws and the recommendations of the AALL Bylaws Committee. The new bylaws will be voted on and approved at the SR-SIS Portland business meeting.

The 2008 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception will be held at Red Star Tavern and Roast House, located in downtown Portland, offering a tantalizing menu of new American cuisine.

Ronald Wheeler, Chair
2007-08
State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS 2007-08

The State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL) completed numerous activities during the year to carry out its strategic goals of advocacy and education. To better achieve initiatives through a well-established committee structure, the SIS added a SCCLL Executive Board liaison to each committee for better communication and more effective organization. The SIS also reviewed a draft procedures manual prepared by Marcus Hochstetler, and while it was accepted in principle, the actual writing, editing, and implementation of the manual was tabled for the following year.

Advocacy initiatives involved SIS participation in the Equal Justice Conference (EJC) in Minneapolis. The conference is co-sponsored by the ABA and the National Legal Aid & Defender Association. Three grants were awarded to SIS members to attend the program. Several other SIS members were involved in program presentations, and the SIS collaborated with the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL) to sponsor a law library exhibit booth during the conference. SCCLL’s participation in the EJC program informed the legal aid community about law library services that support pro se and pro bono efforts. In addition to promoting law library services, law librarian attendees also became more informed about new legal resources and services being delivered by the legal aid community.

The SIS’s VIP program also enhanced advocacy efforts this year. To engage important members of the legal community in the SIS, two VIPs were chosen for the Portland meeting. Kyle Theissen is the Code Reviser for Washington and Phillip Margolin is a local Portland attorney turned fiction writer. Margolin also agreed to be the trustee luncheon speaker as well as contribute some of his creative work to SCCLL’s silent auction fundraiser.

As for consumer advocacy, a meeting with Thomson West government sector representatives and members of the SIS occurred in New Orleans, and a summary report of the meeting was included in the fall SCCLL newsletter. A second meeting with Thomson West is scheduled for Portland.

SCCLL educational initiatives included acceptance of seven programs for Portland. The programs selected were: “The Evolving Role of Law Librarians with Self-Represented Litigants,” “We Are the World: Dealing with Foreign Issues in a U.S. Law Library,” “Lawyers in the Library: Exploring New Ways to Serve Our Public Patrons,” “Giving Credit: The Law Library as CLE Provider,” “Avoiding Giving Legal Advice at the Library: Exploring the Ethical and Legal Framework of Assistance to the Self-Represented,” “Battling Employee Burnout? Explore Tools and Techniques to Assess and Address Employee Burnout,” and “Using WorldCat.org’s Social Software to Promote the Law Library.” Four grants were awarded to SIS members to attend the Portland conference.
Other educational efforts included publication of Barbara Fritschel’s article “Trends in Library Collaboration to Provide Access to Legal Information” in the NCSC publication *Future Trends* (2007). John Cannan also completed the third of four SCCLL Resource Guides. With publication scheduled for summer 2008, the guide describes management techniques for government law libraries.

Other SIS activities included revision of the county law library standards. The standards revisions were forwarded to SIS members in June for review; further discussion and approval are expected in July during the Portland Annual Meeting.

As for SIS honors this year, we were pleased to recognize Jean Holcomb with the Connie E. Bolden Publications Award for her *Law Library Journal* series entitled “Managing By the Book.” Our SIS was also pleased that AALL members elected Cathy Lemann as their new AALL Vice President/President-Elect.

SCCLL officers for 2007-08 were: Sara Galligan, Chair; Marcus Hochstetler, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Cathy Lemann, Immediate Past Chair; Amy Hale-Janek, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Fritschel, Karen Quinn, and Lisa Rush, Board Members; and Kim Ositis, *ex officio* Board Member and Newsletter Editor. New board members will be Anne Matthewman, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Meg Martin, Board Member.

Sara Galligan, Chair
2007-08
Technical Services SIS 2007-08

The Executive Board of the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) for 2007-08 was composed of Alan Keely, Chair; Linda Tesar, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Sima Mirkin, Secretary-Treasurer; Rhonda Lawrence, Past Chair; Carmen Brigandi and Marie Whited, Members-At-Large; and Jean Pajerek, Carol Avery Nicholson, Janice Anderson and Ajaye Bloomstone, standing committee chairs.

What follows are highlights from this past year. More detailed summaries of TS-SIS activities, particularly those of the standing committees, are available on the TS-SIS Web site.

The AMPC approved two programs and three workshops submitted by the Education Committee for the Portland meeting. The committee agreed to sponsor three additional programs and co-sponsor four programs with other SISs.

The TS-SIS Executive Board established an Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development in late 2007 with JoAnn Hounshell as chair. The purpose of this group was to develop continuing education opportunities for TS-SIS members outside of the Annual Meeting. A proposal was submitted to the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program. A grant of $2000 was awarded for the TS-SIS webinar “Redesigning Technical Services: Working in a Hybrid Environment,” to be held August 14, 2008.

Recognizing the need to foster better means of communication between section members and the standing committees, the TS-SIS Executive Board in April 2007 created the Task Force on Electronic Communication to explore options for archiving committee reports and documents and satisfying committee communication needs. Chaired by Linda Tesar, the task force completed and submitted its report to the TS-SIS Executive Board in February 2008. The board is currently in the process of reviewing the recommendations and should finish at the Portland meeting.

The Awards Committee selected Joe Thomas, University of Notre Dame Law School as the 2008 recipient of the Renee Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship. The committee also awarded the Marla Schwartz grant to Jennifer Tsai of the Golden Gate University Law Library to support her attendance at CONELL. Three additional TS-SIS grants were also given to Jennifer Tsai, Hollie White and Chris Pickford.

The Membership Committee developed a new TS-SIS brochure that will be unveiled at the Portland meeting. The brochure is updated on a three-year cycle.

TS-SIS continued to involve more of the younger members of the profession in section activities, e.g. with the Education Committee, the New Catalogers Roundtable which is thriving, and the Membership Committee continues to look for ways to involve new members.
Unresolved issues include whether or not to continue to hold the Joint SIS reception because of changes in the Annual Meeting. The TS-SIS Executive Board agreed to support the reception through the 2008 meeting. Another issue involves how members are appointed to the standing committees. There has been discussion for several years on this issue, but no resolution. A third issue involves the future of the Serials Committee’s Exchange of Duplicates program which is under review.

Alan Keely, Chair
2007-08