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#### 1. How long have you been a member of ALL-SIS?

#	Response
1	20+
2	2 years
3	18 years
4	15 years
5	since 1990
6	20 years

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#### 2. Which of the following events have you attended in the past 2 years? (please check all that apply)

#	Response
1	Middle Managers Meeting
2	none
3	CALR session
4	SEAALL Annual Meeting

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#### 5. Have you seen the ALL-SIS Newsletter? (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/NewsLetter.html>)

#	Response
1	each issue
2	I check it monthly or so.
3	every time it comes out
4	I think I've seen it, but not sure.
5	Every time it comes out
6	regularly
7	irregular
8	regularly
9	every issue
10	I scan it when it is announced
11	regularly
12	As it comes out
13	every time it comes out
14	I usually look through it briefly when I get the e-mail notification.
15	At least some of it every time the newsletter comes out.
16	3x/year
17	every six months
18	every time in full--major loss that it's only online. no longer see the benefit of membership since I can just read the newsletter and use the website without being a member.
19	Most issues
20	When it comes out in print.
21	Always
22	each issue
23	Whenever it comes out.
24	I read every issue.
25	when it arrives.
26	I have only seen one so far hope for more in the future
27	Every issue
28	Occasionally
29	Ocasionally
30	as available
31	Look overit when it comes.
32	rarely
33	when I receive e-mail notification.
34	Whenever it comes out
35	I just skim through it
36	Four times a year
37	When it comes out.

38 I usually at least glance through it each time to see if there is anything interesting.  
39 Sometimes, but not every issue  
40 Every issue  
41 Every issue.  
42 I think Summer 2003 was the last issue I saw.  
43 always  
44 every time  
45 Read every issue  
46 When it comes out.  
47 Usually right after each issue comes out.  
48 Always  
49 Whenever I receive the notice through the ALL-SIS listserv that the new issue has been posted.  
50 When an announcement is made of a new issue.  
51 Once, soon after it is available online.  
52 I browse it when I receive it.  
53 Always  
54 regularly  
55 I read each issue.  
56 There is seldom anything of substance for me to read.  
57 always  
58 Read through each issue.  
59 I read it when the notice comes out on the listserv  
60 Within a few weeks of notification.  
61 Everytime it comes out  
62 Every issue  
63 I look at it everytime it comes out.  
64 Not often  
65 every issue  
66 each issue  
67 Each time it comes out.  
68 whenever it appears  
69 Each time it's published  
70 Approximately every month  
71 Approximately every month  
72 not often  
73 Every issue.  
74 I read each issue as it is published.  
75 As often as it comes out  
76 glance at each issue  
77 Whenever a copy is mailed to me.  
78 erratically  
79 Quarterly? (As often as it comes out.)  
80 rarely since it went online  
81 whenever it comes out  
82 Each Issue  
83 Occasionally.  
84 Go through each issue.  
85 Each time its published.  
86 I always look at it when it comes out.  
87 once a year  
88 I try to read every one but don't always get it done.  
89 I normally browse through it.

- 90 every other issue
- 91 Every issue
- 92 When it is published
- 93 I read each issue.
- 94 Rarely.
- 95 I read every issue
- 96 Not often
- 97 Not very often. I need to do better.

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#### 6. Are there any columns/features that you would like to see included in the ALL-SIS Newsletter?

#	Response
1	One on new trends/changing technologies, changes in the profession/job market
2	No
3	more position pieces--pro and con a semi-controversial issue
4	Supervision/Management issues (like a "ask the manager" column) More "practical" articles about how problems or issues were handled (like a synopsis of the recent "quiet areas in the library" discussion on the ALL-SIS list, or "how I survived an ABA site visit (or some special part of the visit -- such as dealing with statistics...)." )
5	practical information. membership news.
6	New members and job postings
7	No
8	select one library department each issues for best practices or resources update
9	no
10	TIPS!
11	haven't thought about it
12	Management issues
13	Maybe articles on a rotating basis about the subjects ALL-SIS works on most, like faculty status, statistics, faculty services.
14	Who, What, Where columns (changes of employment, duites, retirement, etc.)
15	web site reviews
16	I think we need more "member news" submissions. This should be encouraged.
17	No.
18	I wonder if some (or more regular) brief features from the committees with projects or ideas that are applicable might be useful. For example, how CALI is used or promoted in a particular institution, how one institution deals with a specific collection development issue, what new (or old) tool or method of legal research is being used and how.
19	In depth member profiles
20	Member profiles
21	introductions to new members
22	Acquisitions, MARC Remarks, Serials section.
23	More on reference
24	Where are they no? Academics who have moved on to other types of law libraries or retired.
25	A regular column on legal reserach teaching concerns
26	Not that I can think of.
27	More articles about what people are doing in their libraries -- projects, services, etc.
28	None

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Have there been any articles in the past few issues of the ALL-SIS Newsletter that were beneficial to your work?

#	Response
1	I've enjoyed the Trials & Tribulations of a [New] Law Librarian - it's helped me to understand some of the issues faced by my colleagues who've recently joined our staff.
2	Nearly all aspects
3	I's sure they would be if I had time to read them. I seem to be permanently swamped at work.
4	current awareness
5	I can't place any, but there may well have been
6	Trials and tribulations of a new law librarian was useful (because I am also new).
7	Yes, the humorous article on Pro Se patrons...I find the sharing of professional experiences helpful for morale!
8	All articles are pretty much of interest and helpful to me.
9	Yes, but I can't remember which!
10	Probably have been, but I can't think of any offhand. And don't think of the newsletter as a resource for such articles.
11	Even when articles aren't directly useful, they are interesting and provide perspective such as the article on preservation a couple of years ago.
12	have not read it yet, but i will now
13	Mostly its announcements.
14	OCLC,
15	All are a benefit, they usually give me good ideas of what to do, occassionaly what not to do.
16	I liked the articele on supprting faculty, especially the concept of course liaisons instead of faculty liaisons.

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#### 8. Would you be interested in writing for the ALL-SIS Newsletter?

#	Response
1	Internet skills, marketing library, communication skills, anything as needed
2	Not this year, maybe later
3	Not sure.
4	Reference
5	any
6	Acquisitions
7	Any topic of interest to members
8	Law Library Technology
9	no
10	perhaps
11	Public Relations, membership news
12	legal research instruction instructional technology faculty services
13	Faculty status
14	Perhaps in the future.
15	Issues suuounding the promotion of law school libraries within our parent institutions
16	Not now. Perhaps in the future, when I've finished law school!
17	I have written, and when I have something I think may be of interest I usually send it in. For instance, this month I sent an article on tax law subject specialists librarians.
18	I'm too new to ALL-SIS to know
19	I'm open to brainstorming
20	Probably on mentoring
21	Probably on mentoring
22	Faculty support; teaching.
23	I don't know enough to say, but I am interested in writing as professional development.
24	I'm too busy this year -- maybe next year. Maybe I would like to write about making the transition from reference librarian to reference/special collections librarian. I am becoming an archivist.
25	Not sure
26	Possibly. Teaching, services to law review,
27	Maybe.
28	Possibly - teaching research to law students
29	personnel management;
30	How to collectively address steep price increases? Are we in too close a relationship with the major publishers? Licensing issues?

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#### 9. What changes and additions to the ALL-SIS website would you suggest?

#	Response
1	Could we consider doing some member library profiles to give us a sense of the diversity of our member libraries - maybe call attention to some special services or programs of interest or special collection items
2	It's easy to navigate as it is.
3	I would prefer the newsletter to be one long file with buttons to move from the table of contents to articles and back again.
4	job listings!--AALLnet hotline is so expensive, there's no "one stop shopping" for jobs in academic law libraries.
5	More attractive layout (like moving the radio buttons hidden at the bottom to the top or the side). See the OBS-SIS website for a nice design example.
6	mentoring tasks feature...mentees assigned do not communicate or identify goals
7	When there are a string of messages about a topic (like quiet areas in the library, etc.) posting the summary on the website under some sort of practical experienceshow do you manage kind of heading.
8	don't visit it often enough to have an opinion
9	looking forward to the research sourcebook of course materials
10	Just make sure it gets updated regularly.
11	More up-to-date (reports, etc.), more info. about what the different committees are doing.
12	More aesthetically pleasing and more neatly navigable links. The background graphics are unattractive as is the color scheme with yellow and blue navigation boxes. Adding some interesting graphics (like pictures of our officers would be nice.
13	None.
14	It's VERY straightforward - which is a good thing. Big, black letters on a nice background; useful links; good information. But a bit of "window dressing" might be nice. Perhaps a couple of columns instead of a long list. Headings in a different color than the entries.
15	No specific changes. Just be sure that there is a committee willing to listen to ideas of new content or enhanced content, and that all members know where to send their ideas as they come up.
16	Additional useful links (possibly to sites about teaching); more attractive design.
17	Nothing specific. Just keep it fresh.
18	Update the info. more frequently--there are business meeting minutes missing, etc. Better info. on committees, projects, etc.
19	Keep it up to date and include more information about what the committees are doing. Provide space for committees to mount documents.
20	None

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#### 10. How would you like to participate in ALL-SIS? (please check all that apply)

#	Response
1	Although probably not until at least 2005
2	Networking at meal functions.
3	None at this time.
4	Don't want to be an editor, but I don't mind contr
5	Already serve on 2 committees

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#### 11. What topics should ALL-SIS be pursuing?

#	Response
1	Integration of legal research education with the general law curriculum
2	I receive lots of e-mails that from AALL related groups, but I don't actively distinguish one from another - I just look at all of them as coming from AALL and not a SIS.
3	Support middle managers
4	More advanced issues relating to academics, not just things for entry level librarians.
5	salary levels for non-directors recruitment particularly for tech services positions
6	compensation, how to meet needs of faculty and students
7	Anything broadly related to the future of academic law libraries, including the changing roles of librarians, and adapting to new technology.
8	forums to update technical/computer skills..and to write for publication workshops
9	The role of new technologies like portals in information access in academic law libraries.
10	Librarian salary and compensation; how to retain/develop librarians in the professor
11	faculty engagement instruction for non-traditional students status of teaching librarians
12	Conflicts of interest with vendors, inroads into our "territory" by vendors (teaching of Lexis and Westlaw by company reps)
13	Cross-pollination with the other major SISs (PLL, SCCLL).
14	Faculty status and tenure of law librarians is very important. I think the "librarian exchange" program with foreign academic libraries should be promoted.
15	Pricing increases of publishers. New pricing models for electronic publications. Getting WESTLAW and LEXISNEXIS resources plugged into the Open URL movement (for those who subscribe).
16	More relevant topics.
17	All topics that are of interest to our membership in doing their jobs better and in having successful and enjoyable careers.
18	Anything which helps members in their work and career development, e.g., relating to work done on tenure, etc. How about something on "how to keep your career exciting when you don't have a career ladder, tenure or rank in your work situation." Programs on teaching, working with faculty and in classrooms, collection development, etc.
19	Salary and job security issues
20	Collection Development techniques
21	Equitable pay in the academic setting
22	Electronic governance, electronic judicial dockets and government documents
23	More concern regarding the changes taking place in the FDLP. More interaction with the other types SISs (PLL and SCCLL).
24	faculty status of librarians
25	Continuing education. Networking.
26	Opportunities of cross training public and technical services. Creating performance surveys for patrons. Teamwork between public and technical services.
27	ABA standards; issues regarding statistics such as how to count titles in a collection
28	trends/future of academic law libraries
29	personnel management; status of librarians in law schools; changing face of librarianship;
30	None that I can think of.
31	Obviously, ABA statistics is an ongoing concern. I doubt that we have solved it.
32	The 10-12% annual price increases from publishers which are forcing us to cancel print subscriptions and go to electronic, licensed resources.



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#### 12. Do you think that the ALL-SIS should put more emphasis on mentoring?

#	Response
1	Need more follow through to keep the mentoring project going. If we have volunteered to mentor and are experiencing some concerns - ie. the individual mentee has changed their mind, cannot be located, etc. who do we go to to either get another mentoree, find out what the problems are with the one we have, how we could mentor better, etc.
2	Contact throughout the year, not just at the annual meeting
3	I'm not sure how it is done now, but getting Tech Services librarians together would be good as their work is different from Public Services and vica versa; choices for mentoring: T.S., P.S., or both.
4	Mentoring efforts should be closely coordinated with the AALL Mentoring Committee.
5	Perhaps working with the AALL mentoring project. I became involved with ALL-SIS because of my AALL mentor.
6	I answered yes because I believe mentoring to be a admirable pursuit. I don't believe we should focus all our efforts on it though.
7	Be more active. I don't recall seeing anything about ALL-SIS mentoring. Just the AALL mentoring program.
8	Develop list of potential mentors so new members can contact who ever they feel comfortable with
9	mentors should be allowed to interview mentees before accepting them or to review an objectives statement
10	Match up every new acadmeic librarian and every one who has changed jobs with someone.... or if they don't specifically want a mentor, creating some sort of list of people who are willing to be "on call" for other colleagues. If this list could also include peoples specialties or strengths, that would be really helpful. As the PLL did a couple years ago with their booklet. Ask me if this is too nebulous. (Ellen Platt)
11	Not more emphasis, but consistent emphasis. Keep up the matching of mentors and mentees, or provide some mentoring materials to experienced librarians to help them mentor folks in their own workplaces.
12	Ask each member to mentor one person
13	I think we are shooting ourselves in the foot by requiring a JD for entry level reference positions. It's hard for someone to get their foot in the academic door unless they want to do tech services work.
14	Continue to advertise and push the mentoring.
15	have mentees visit their mentor libraries for a week.
16	And developing particular "gurus" in various subject/topical area that ANYone could contact for help/ideas.
17	I like what we are doing
18	Maybe more publicity on the benefits from both the mentee and the mentor
19	I don't have the experience to know yet, but my own mentor was not helpful at the AALL meeting or since
20	Not necessarily. You should survey or do focus groups with both mentors and mentees and base direction on those comments.
21	How about a regular advice column in which a veteran librarian answers questions asked by less experienced librarians?
22	More structure and follow-up
23	more personal contact throughout the year
24	A formal mentoring program. If we have one now, I'm not aware of it.
25	What do the mentors do? How do you match people?
26	more specialized subjects related to the special issues facing academic libraries
27	Follow ups on mentor/mentee meetings. Suggestions for mentors and mentees.
28	I don't know if we can becaause we seem to be too unsure of the future.

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#### 14. How can ALL-SIS be more useful to you in your job?

#	Response
1	It has been and continues to be very useful to me. Emphasis on law librarianship as a "specialization" whether it be through periodic newsletter articles, discussion of standards etc. would help give some ammunition to folks who might need to justify their area of expertise and the value of having trained law librarians on board.
2	Be sure to announce new newsletters by email. Thanks!
3	Try to get salaries increased.
4	print newsletter, listserv more active with topical discussions, and job listings!
5	Provide more practical solutions/advice, via programs, the newsletter, the list, etc.
6	I'm afraid that I simply haven't been very aware of the SIS, which is perhaps my responsibility as much as the group's (I tend to ignore electronic newsletters). There have been a few interesting discussions on the listserv, and the programming at the Annual Conference is helpful, but something more throughout the year would be nice.
7	more articles from library administrators about what skills, behaviors, work products they are looking for
8	As a manager, I think the ALL-SIS deals with more of my issues related to administrative stuff. But it seems like RIPS has drawn alot of vitality from the ALL-SIS since it's formation. I know it's focus is different, but I think the ALL-SIS has been adversely affected.
9	I need more reminders about the newsletter and other resources that are available, maybe via a current awareness service. I don't mind additional e-mail reminders!
10	Schedule meetings and especially the reception at AALL in a way that does not conflict with so many other activities. For example, avoid the Hein run.
11	Increasingly promote faculty status and tenure for law librarians. Push for salary scales that emphasize the credentials and education of academic law librarians (J.D. / M.L.I.S. combination SHOULD indicate higher salaries.)
12	Not sure
13	See 12 above, developing this type of Specialist/Advice contact system would be great!
14	Be more relevant. The ALL-SIS is OK, but programing has been weak and not as relevant to concerns that I have in the field. Perhaps surveying members on their pressing issues and then sharing those findings with the rest of the SIS would be helpful, especially in developing programming ideas.
15	More discussion list topics. This should be a regualr feature, done perhaps monthly.
16	I think getting more basic information to new librarians regarding special interest areas, such as government documents, through the website and newsletter, and getting the word out that such information is available, is important; I certainly could have used more guidance when I started my job. Sometimes the specialized listservs are intimidating to newcomers because they assume basic information that we don't have
17	I believed I covered those things in #11. I am a former officer, and have often looked to ALL-SIS for help with new projects, etc. Most officers, committees have generally been pleased to have members who are interested, provide ideas and want to work.
18	Push to become more inclusive of all academic law librarians, not just upper management. When I was first in it, people thought of the section as just for directors. That has definitely changed, but it still isn't regarded as THE section to which all academic law librarians belong, as SCCCLL-SIS and PLL-SIS are for their respective constituencies. At my library, I tell the librarians I will pay for membership in ALL and one other SIS of their choice. I think we need to lean on other directors to do the same thing.
19	I'm brand new to this position, so I don't yet know what to expect from the SIS or what would be useful
20	By getting the Legal Research Sourcebook up and running.
21	I don't know. It's been a long time since I attended the business meeting. I am glad ALL-SIS is still going strong and giving awards.
22	Help us make more money.
23	Good information and recent advances in different areas.
24	Less involved with personal agendas and more involved in the state of academic librarianship in every academic setting.
25	I think we have to think about who we are and where we are going.
26	It's already very useful.

- 27 I'm sorry that I have been so marginally involved that I don't have comments to make on most subjects. I did enjoy the opportunity to talk with academics when we had the luncheons. I'm not sure that the breakfasts replace that function since I have never attended a breakfast. The reception is nice but rarely gives the chance to talk about substantive matters. Unfortunately, some of my Technical Services SIS activities conflict at times.
- 28 Help address problems with collection cost increases? Help develop collaborative collection development and purchasing?

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