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Welcome!

This is the e-newsletter for the Legal Information to the Public Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries.

We hope you like it! Please send us your comments!

Chair's Message

by Luis Acosta, 2007-2008 LISP Chair

Welcome to LISP's Spring/Summer 2007 newsletter! This newsletter provides an opportunity to highlight some of the recent activity and upcoming events of our section including:

- the election of new LISP officers for the 2007-08 year, Betty Agin and John Cannan;
- the choice of Richard Zorza as LISP's VIP to attend the Annual Meeting in New Orleans;
- the award of the 2007 Kathy Garner Grant to LISP members Meg Martin and David Selden;
- the state-specific public library toolkits project; and
- a description of LISP-sponsored programs at the Annual Meeting.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each member of our section to consider whether there are activities you would like to see LISP undertake during the 2007-2008 year.

The purpose of LISP is to serve as a platform to enable law librarians to undertake efforts to broaden access to legal and governmental information to the non-lawyer public to the widest extent possible.

The particular projects LISP engages in are up to our members. The LISP executive committee would be pleased to hear from any SIS member with suggestions 2007-2008 Officers



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on activities they would like LISP to undertake, coordinate, or support.

All SIS members attending the Annual Meeting in New Orleans are encourages to attend the LISP business meeting, which will take place on Monday, July 16, at 5:15 p.m.

If you have something you would like placed on the agenda of the business meeting, you can contact me at laco@loc.gov. If you cannot attend the business meeting, please feel free to pass along your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!

Congratulations are due to the new officers elected LISP's online election, which was conducted electronically during the week of April 23-30. The new officers are Betty Akin, who was elected vice-chair/chair-elect, and John Cannan, who was elected secretary/treasurer. Their terms will begin in July, following the LISP business meeting on July 16. We wish to thank Susan Larson, LISP's secretary/treasurer, for helping facilitate LISP's smooth electronic election!

Lastly, I would like to thank Amy Hale-Janeke for her work in putting together this newsletter!

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AALL Annual Meeting Activities

— Program - "Networking to Serve Self-Represented Litigants"

LISP members at the Annual Meeting should plan to attend **Networking to Service Self-Represented Litigants**, on Monday, July 16, from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Co-sponsored by LISP and the SCCLL-SIS, this program will feature Richard Zorza (LISP's VIP to the Annual Meeting, see article below), who will discuss the Self-Represented Litigation Network, as well as LISP members Charley Dyer (the program's moderator), and Sara Galligan, who as the chair of the AALL Pro Bono Partnerships Special Committee will discuss that committee's recommendations to the AALL Executive Board.

The program will also feature Kevin Burke, Chief Judge of the Hennepin County District Court in Minnesota, and Bonnie Rose Hough of the California Administrative Office of the Courts, who will discuss the efforts of their



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court systems to serve pro se patrons.

— LISP/RIPS/SR-SIS Joint Roundtable: Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners

Please join us for this great information exchange on Monday, July 16, 2007 from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. The room location has yet to be assigned. Drinks and light refreshments will be offered.

This informal discussion, sponsored jointly by LISP, RIPS, and SR SISs, will include strategies for effectively dealing with pro se patrons and/or prisoners will be moderated by Amy Hale-Janeke.

If your library is doing something innovative, please bring some information with you to share with the group or email it to <u>Amy</u> ahead of time. Don't forget your business cards!

- Business Meeting

The LISP Business Meeting will be in New Orleans on Monday, July 16, from 5:15-6:15 p.m. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please email them to <u>Luis Acosta</u>.

- Richard Zorza to Serve as LISP VIP



The LISP-SIS Executive Board has chosen Richard Zorza to serve as the SIS's "Valuable Invited Participant" at the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, July 14-17.

Richard Zorza is an attorney and independent consultant who has worked for the past fifteen years on issues of access to justice. He is the coordinator of the <u>Self</u> Represented Litigation Network and is a consultant to the Harvard Law School Bellow-Sacks Project on the Future of Access to Civil Justice.

He is also a long-term strategic consultant to the Pro Bono Net national network of access to justice web sites, www.lawhelp.org.

His book, The Self-Help Friendly Court: Designed from the Ground Up to Work for People Without Lawyers, was published by the National Center for State Courts in 2002. He speaks and writes broadly on access to justice and ethics issues, including an article on judicial neutrality in pro per cases in the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics.

Zorza will appear on a program co-sponsored by LISP-SIS entitled "Networking to Serve Self-Represented Litigants," on Monday, July 16, at 8:45 a.m., where he will describe the research and resources of the Self Represented Litigation Network. Hope to see you there!

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LISP Activities

- Volunteers for Public Library Toolkits

The State-Specific Public Library Toolkits are a long-standing project of the LISP-SIS designed to assist non-law public librarians and pro se patrons gain bibliographic knowledge of legal titles in their state.

To date 22 toolkits have been <u>prepared</u>, but our goal has always been to have as close to complete coverage as possible, and so we would like to have toolkits for the 29 remaining states.

Are you a law librarian in one of the following great states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, or Wisconsin? If yes, then please consider preparing a toolkit for your state. There are 50 nifty United States, and each deserves its own Public Library Toolkit!

LISP-SIS's Public Library Toolkits, including the statespecific toolkits, were mentioned in the February 2, 2007 issue of librarian Marylaine Block's electronic newsletter "Neat New Stuff."

—Kathy Garner Grants Awardedby Grant Committee Chair Liz Robb

This year's Garner Grant recipients are David Selden and Meg Martin.



David Selden is the Director of the National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Colorado. In addition to running the law library (a non-profit institution), he is active with the Native Peoples Law Caucus as chair of the Tribal Law Cooperative.



Meg Martin is a Public Services Law Librarian at the Wyoming State Law Library in Cheyenne. She is a relatively new law librarian, but has been active in volunteering for various committees and will be co-editor of the newsletter for the AALL 2008 annual meeting.

The Garner Grant was established in to honor Kathy Garner and to provide financial assistance in attending the AALL annual meeting.

Kathy Garner was a much esteemed and loved LISP member and past-chair. She was emerita Associate Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library at the time of her death in 2005.

She retired in 1999 but remained active with women's issues and especially efforts to end domestic violence. While at SIU, Kathy taught legal research and was a member of the Lawyering Skills faculty.

She published articles in Law Library Journal and SIU Law Journal, and was assistant editor for publications on water law and legal research teaching. She served as LISP chair in 1991/92.

The grant was awarded to current members of LISP who showed a demonstrated interest in providing information service to the public and financial need.

The grant covers the cost AALL registration for both recipients. Members of the grants committee were: Joel Fishman, Janet Hedin, Liz Robb, Lisa Rush, and Nancy Strohmeyer.

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Libraries in New Orleans Show Your Support with this Pin

The Friends of NOPL have commissioned local artist Thomas Mann to create this fleur de lis pin in support of the FNOPL Restoration Fund Drive. Each pin is hand-made and one-of-a-kind. Proceeds of the sale benefit the FNOPL's efforts to **REBUILD** New Orleans Public Library.

To order, please download the **ORDER FORM** and mail it, with your payment, to the address on the form.

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