

**SCCLL SIS Awards Committee 2003-04**  
**Committee Report**  
by Lisa Rush, Chair

The *O. James Werner Award for Distinctive Service to Persons with Disabilities* will not be awarded in 2004. The nominations did not demonstrate "significant contribution" as required in the award criteria.

Additional information:

The call for nominations was submitted twice to the SCCLL Listserv and was published in the Spring 2004 edition of the *State, Court, and County Law Libraries News*.. Also, request for nominations was made in the AALL president's email, "From the desk of Susan Fox."

The deadline was June 6, 2004.

This was the only nomination:

Jan Medved, Director of the Jackson County Law Library, has organized a walking team for the 4th Annual Lupus 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 5, 2004. They walked 5 miles and raised over \$1000.00! The purpose of the walk is to support the local Lupus Foundation of America chapter in its goals of education and supporting those affected by lupus. It also supports research towards finding a cure. The team's official name was "Jan's Jazz".

## **2003-2004 SCCLL-SIS Education Committee Report**

The Education committee met at the AALL Annual meeting in Seattle to bring together ideas for programs to be presented at the 2004 meeting in Boston. This year, the committee received 18 program proposals for consideration which included 14 programs of 60, 75 or 90 minute lengths and 4 programs in the 30 minute category.

The theme for this year's program "From Boston to Mumbai: The World of Legal Information" presented a challenge for our members to tie in with the work of our libraries, yet an outstanding slate of programs was the result. Reaching outside the boundaries of our world and connecting others to it is a daily occurrence for SCCLL members and these programs are a reflection of that reality.

The accepted SCCLL-SIS programs:

- Passport to the World of legal information: International legal materials on the Web. -Susanne Dyer (90 Min.)
- "Can I Get Some Help Here?": Providing Effective Reference Services While Avoiding Unauthorized Practice of Law -Judith Lehosit (75 Min.)
- Marketing the Law Library to the world: getting published in judicial, court, and bar publications - Marcus Hochstetler (30 Min.)
- Lost that Whistle While you Work Feeling? Staff meeting management strategies for library directors and managers -Jean Holcomb (30 Min.)

In addition to these programs sponsored by SCCLL-SIS, four independent program submissions from SCCLL-SIS members were accepted and include:

- Creating Effective Electronic Presentations -Catherine Lemann (30 Min.)
- The Blog phenomenon -Catherine Lemann (60 Min.)
- Behind the Scene: The Work of State Appellate Courts in Action -James Fox (60 Min.)
- E-Newsletters: What You Need to Know -Amy Hale Janeke (60 Min.)

The Education Committee would like to thank all those whose ideas sparked some great programs to educate SCCLL members and our colleagues. Many thanks to those who worked on the committee and submitted programs for the Boston meeting. SCCLL-SIS invites everyone to come out and enjoy this year's programs.

*Submitted by Marcus Hochstetler*

**State, Court and County Law Libraries  
Special Interest Section of the  
American Association of Law Libraries**

**Report of the Grants Committee  
2003-2004**

**June 25, 2004**

The Grants Committee prepared and sent out a solicitation letter to 15 legal information vendors in hopes of receiving donations to the travel grants fund. At the request of AALL Headquarters, letters were not sent to Lexis, West or BNA. Only one vendor, William S. Hein & Co., responded, with a generous donation of \$400.

The Hein donation was added to the proceeds from the July, 2003 Silent Auction, for a total of \$2070. Additionally, the SCCLL Executive Board voted to give the Grants Committee \$1330, making the total amount available for grants \$3400.

The committee received 4 applications for travel grants and approved all 4, awarding each recipient \$ 850.

Many of the vendors who received a solicitation letter responded that this was not an activity that they were prepared to fund. Some already support the annual meeting through other projects, and others indicated that their funds were limited. Several vendors did indicate that they would need to receive any requests prior to the end of the calendar year - this year's letter was sent in early March. Next year's committee should plan on sending the letters out in late November if they plan to pursue this type of donation. However, since the Committee has tried this method at least twice with disappointing (except for Hein) results, I don't recommend doing it next year.

The grant recipients for the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting are:

Scott Burgh, Chief Law Librarian, City of Chicago Dept. of Law

Catherine McGuire, Outreach Services Law Librarian, Maryland State Law Library

Jason Raymond, Public Services Law Librarian, Wyoming State Law Library

Patti Worl, Law Librarian, Skagit County Law Library (Mount Vernon, WA)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Colwin, Chair  
SCCLL Grants Committee

Committee Members:                      Rita Dermody                      Carol Suhre                      Karen Lutke



## **Boston to Mumbai: The World of Legal Information**

**97th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference  
July 10 - 14, 2004  
Boston, Massachusetts**

**SAMPLE VENDOR  
SOLICITATION LETTER**

Dear:

I am writing to you on behalf of the State Court and County Law Libraries (SCCLL) Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries to request a donation to our Grants Committee. Our committee provides funds to assist our members in attending the AALL Annual meeting. Many of our members are not reimbursed by their employers for expenses – and with state and local budgets still in a downturn even more of our members are facing this possibility. The annual meeting provides our members with opportunities for professional development as well as serving as a forum for the informal exchange of ideas among librarians and vendors. For many librarians it is their only opportunity to meet with vendors and see new products.

The cost of attending our annual meeting has spiraled in recent years, and I hope that I can count on you for your generous support in the form of a donation in any amount up to \$1000. Donors will be recognized at our annual section meeting in Boston and our members will be encouraged to visit them in the Exhibit Area and support their products.

Your contribution is very important to us and I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jane Colwin

SCCLL Grants Committee Chair

608-261-2340

cc: Susan E. Fox, Executive Director  
American Association of Law Libraries

**VENDOR LIST FOR TRAVEL  
GRANT SOLICITATIONS**

**Aspen – see Loislaw.com**

**Bernan**

Tamera Wells-Lee  
Director of Publishing  
Bernan Associates  
4611-F Assembly Drive  
Lanham, MD 20706-4391

**CCH, Inc.**

Leslie Bonacum (Librarian Liaison)  
2700 Lake Cook Rd.  
Riverwoods, IL 60015

**Claitor's Law Books and Publishing Division**

Bob Claitor  
P.O. Box 261333  
Baton Rouge, LA 70826-1333

**Court Record Services, Inc.**

Jim Ruocchio  
5301 Tacony St. Bldg. 210-3  
P.O. Box 5920  
Philadelphia, PA 19137-0920

**CourtEXPRESS**

Brandon Johnson  
Director of Research  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite C100  
Washington DC, 20004

**Fastcase, Inc.**

Philip J. Rosenthal, President  
Fastcase, Inc.  
1916 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

**Gale**

Dedria Bryfonski  
Executive Vice President, Global Market & Customer / Market Services  
Thomson Gale

27500 Drake Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

**Innovative Interfaces, Inc.**

Leslie Straus  
Vice President, Worldwide Sales  
Innovative Interfaces, Inc.  
5850 Shellmound Way  
Emeryville, CA 94608

**Loislaw, Inc.**

Marc Jennings, Publisher  
Loislaw, Inc.  
105 N. 28th Street  
Van Buren, Arkansas 72956

**NOLO**

Ms. Sandy Coury  
Sr. Vice President, Marketing and Business Development  
Nolo  
950 Parker Street  
Berkeley CA 94710-2524

**Oceana Publications, Inc.**

Tom Delleart  
Vice President, Marketing/Sales  
Oceana Publications, Inc.  
75 Main Street  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 USA

**The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd.**

Gregory F. Talbot  
33 Terminal Avenue  
Clark, NJ 07066-1321

**VersusLaw**

Joe Acton, CEO  
VersusLaw, Inc.  
2613 - 151st Place NE  
Redmond, WA 98052

**WANT Publishing**

Robert S. Want, Editor and Publisher  
WANT Publishing Co.  
Graybar Bldg. - Grand Central  
420 Lexington Ave., Suite 300  
New York, NY 10170

**William S. Hein & Co.**

Dick Spinelli  
Vice President, Sales & Marketing  
1624 N. Burling #C  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

## SCCLL SIS Committee on Membership and Mentoring

### Cossette T. Sun

The Committee on Membership and Mentoring had a very successful year in 2003-2004. It developed several initiatives to continue its past efforts in promoting SCCLL SIS Membership and Mentoring. One of the most significant accomplishments of the subcommittee was partner with PLL-SIS, ALL-SIS and AALL to create partnership opportunity. To facilitate locating mentors/mentees, we match specific preferences, thereby allowing the Mentoring Committee to make better matches for all participants. The committee received applications for seven mentors and four mentees, and we matched four pairs of mentors and mentees using the preferences (e.g. type of library, type of positions, race or ethnicity) indicated on the application forms. The additional mentors agreed to serve as mentors for specific questions throughout the year. The SIS Chair Charley Dyer will announce at the Annual Meeting in Boston the participants for the mentoring program.

The committee also promoted the SIS for new members via newsletters, Web sites and discussion lists. Piggyback on the AALL promotion during February 15-April 15, the SCCLL SIS created three \$50 prizes for recruiting members to join SCCLL SIS.

To increase visibility, a representative will be present at CONELL Marketplace on Saturday, July 10. 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The Marketplace provides new members an opportunity to explore ways they can become involved in AALL and join our SIS. Our representative will have the opportunity to welcome new members and to be available to answer any questions. All leadership including President, Vice-President and Board members will be present at the earlier meeting. It is a good opportunity to meet the leaders in the Association. For next year, I suggest that we target law librarians at small SCCLL type libraries to join AALL so that they can then join SCCLL SIS. We can locate them through their membership at the chapter levels. Another group that is fast growing is trustees at county law libraries. They are welcome at our SIS and we should find a way to mentor them.

Respectfully submitted,

Cossette Sun



**SCCLL SIS**  
**Newsletter Committee Report**  
**2004**

In 2003, I took over as editor of the newsletter from Mary Ann Parker and have published three issues so far. The committee did not meet but I hope to take more advantage of it during the upcoming year. I would like to thank Mary Ann Parker for her great advice and encouragement, for Charles Dyer and Jean Holcomb for their continuing columns and for all of the people who contributed great articles. I hope these contributions will continue as we continue to face the many challenges facing state, court, and county law libraries.

Barbara Fritschel  
SCCLL Newsletter editor

## 2003-2004 SCCLL SIS Nominations Committee Report

The SCCLL Nominations Committee submitted the following slate of candidates for the three open positions for the 2004-2005 year:

**Vice Chair / Chair Elect:**

Barbara Golden, State Law Librarian  
Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, MN

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Marcus Hochstetler, Director  
Mahoning Law Library Association, Youngston, OH  
Patricia Parker, Legal Services Librarian  
Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI

**Member-At-Large (2004-2007):**

Terry Long, Assistant Law Librarian  
Virginia State Law Library, Richmond, VA  
Cornell Winston, Law Librarian  
US Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, CA

The successful candidates were Barbara Golden, Marcus Hochstetler, and Terry Long. The new Executive Committee members will assume their duties at the SCCLL-SIS Business Meeting in Boston in July, 2004.

The 2004-2005 SCCLL-SIS Executive Committee will consist of:

**Chair** - Sandra Marz, Washoe County Law Library

**Vice Chair/Chair Elect** – Barbara Golden, Minnesota State Law Library

**Past Chair** - Charles Dyer, San Diego County Public Law Library

**Secretary/Treasurer** – Marcus Hochstetler, Mahoning Law Library Association

**Member-at-Large (2002-2005)** - Sara Galligan, Dakota County Law Library

**Member-at-Large (2003-2006)** - Anne Morrison, Circuit Court for Prince George's County Law Library.

**Member-at-Large (2004-2007)** - Terry Long, Virginia State Law Library

The Committee thanks the candidates for their willingness to be considered for the leadership positions of our section.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Anderson, Chair  
Shirley David,  
Regina Smith