

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section  
Minutes of Executive Board Conference Call Meeting  
February 21, 2006, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Slinger, Chair; Suzanne Thorpe, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Carole Hinchcliff, Immediate Past Chair; Susan Lewis-Somers, Secretary-Treasurer; Carole Bredemeyer, Executive Board Member.

**1. Call to order** – Michael Slinger

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. 2006 election**

Nominations Chair Jim Milles sent a note to the ALL-SIS listserv, announcing the 2006 candidates. They are: for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Michelle Wu and Lee Peoples, and for Secretary-Treasurer: Linda Ryan and Edward T. Hart. Michael will post a follow-up note to thank the candidates and the Nominations Committee for their work.

Susan will register with the AALL election administrator to run the 2006 election electronically. Michael will contact Susan Fox to ask her how HQ arrived at the amounts it charges SISs to use the AALL election software.

**3. Member survey**

The Membership Committee received only 100 responses to its previous 2004 member survey. The Board discussed how it might encourage a better response to the 2006 survey.

One suggestion was to offer prizes to random respondents, if it could be determined how to do this without compromising respondent anonymity. Suzanne will discuss this possibility with Membership Co-Chair Marjorie Crawford.

**4. Educational Summit update**

Michael has received no member feedback on the continuing education events calendar.

HQ has proposed a speaker's bureau, and encourages SISs to identify potential speakers to recruit. Michael will wait to hear more about this idea from HQ before posting information about the speaker's bureau to the ALL-SIS listserv.

**5. Grants**

The new Centennial Grants have not yet been announced to the membership. Michael will contact Awards Chair Ed Edmonds to remind him to post the announcement to the ALL-SIS listserv as soon as possible. The deadline for grant applications is March 31.

## **6. Bylaws proposal**

The ALL-SIS Board must approve the bylaws revisions proposed by the Bylaws Committee. The changes must also be approved by the AALL Bylaws Committee, so after ALL-SIS Board approval, they will be forwarded to AALL Chair Ann McDonald. Finally, the ALL-SIS membership must approve any bylaws revisions at its next business meeting in St. Louis.

Michael will ask the Bylaws Committee to prepare a formal proposal, with the old bylaws language struck and the proposed language added, and he will resend the proposed bylaws revisions to the Board.

After the ALL-SIS Board and AALL Bylaws Committee have approved the changes, Susan will send the proposed bylaws revisions to the ALL-SIS listserv and ask Diane Murley to post them on the website.

Susan will also check past minutes to see how the last bylaws vote was handled at the 2004 business meeting.

## **7. Annual meeting update**

Michael will check with Claire Germain to determine who AALL may have invited to attend the annual meeting in St. Louis as its VIP guests. He will then contact several potential VIPs to see if they would be interested in attending the annual meeting as the guests of ALL-SIS.

Michael will ask Program Chair Lee Peoples to write a Spectrum piece announcing the programs that ALL-SIS will sponsor at the annual meeting.

Michael will ask Webmaster Diane Murley to begin to create a page for the ALL-SIS annual meeting information and events.

## **8. Listserv discussion topics**

The Board will go forward with the next topic for discussion on the ALL-SIS listserv. Suzanne will pose the topic question the week of February 27.

## **9. Committee reports**

### Statistics

No one has received any new information as to what AALL is doing with Project COUNTER. Carole will contact Susan Fox to find out the current status of this project.

### Education

The committee has clarified its charge to propose non-annual meeting programs, occurring throughout the year, for the new continuing education calendar. The Board is waiting to hear back from the committee on the programs it will propose.

**10. Next conference call** – Michael Slinger

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 2:00 EST.

**7. Adjournment** – Michael Slinger

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lewis-Somers, Secretary-Treasurer