

MINUTES
JULY 13, 2008
LEGAL HISTORY AND RARE BOOKS SIS
BUSINESS MEETING

1. Welcome & Introductions by Karen Beck.
2. Approval of 2007 Business Meeting Minutes.
3. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Sarah Yates reported that the SIS has a positive balance of \$14,139.74 as of March 31, 2008. Our income for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, was \$1,770.00; expenses for the fiscal year were \$1047.22. The SIS incurred \$29.36 in expenses from October 2007 through March 2008; no income was received during this period.
 - b. Report on the Election of Officer for 2008-2010: Sarah Yates reported that the SIS conducted its election from March 7 to March 31, using the AALL Online Election System. Fifty-four ballots were cast, and Daniel Blackaby was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2008/2009-2009/2010.
 - c. Report of the Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Committee: Jennie Meade, on behalf of Katherine Hedin, reported that the essay contest will begin in the coming year; the deadline for paper submissions is April 15, 2009. It has been publicized at CONELL and in the Exhibit Hall at this year's meeting. Katherine Hedin is seeking volunteers for a committee charged with further advertising the contest.
 - d. Report on the LHRB-SIS Web Site: Karen Beck, on behalf of Kurt Metzmeier, reported that new information has been added to the Web site, including the bylaws and information on programming at the annual meeting, the essay contest, and SIS committees.
 - e. Report of the Publications Committee: Stacy Etheredge, on behalf of Glen-Peter Ahlers, reported that the new LHRB-SIS brochure and our SIS's list of the top ten (plus one) articles from the past one hundred years of Law Library Journal have been completed.
 - f. Report on AALL CONELL Marketplace and Activities Area: Stacy Etheredge reported that she and Christopher O'Byrne talked to about sixteen to twenty-five people at the CONELL Marketplace; most people they spoke with were aware of the LHRB-sponsored "Beer and the Law" and "Oregon's Death with Dignity Act" programs.
 - g. Report on LHRB's new e-journal, Unbound: Karen Beck, on behalf of Mark Podvia, reported that Unbound was approved this year and will appear as an online-only journal on the SIS Web site. The journal will contain substantive articles from the LH&RB

newsletter and will be issued annually.

h. LHRB-SIS Annual Report: Karen Beck reported that she has written and submitted the SIS's annual report, also distributed to attendees at the business meeting, and that the report will appear on AALLNET shortly after the annual meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Legal Biography Database: Joel Fishman and Kurt Metzmeier have continued their work compiling biographical information on lawyers and judges from Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Assistance is still needed for the remaining 48 states. Most of the information is currently in Excel or Access. Joel is considering the possibility of setting up a wiki that would contain bibliographic information to direct users to the biographies rather than the biographies themselves.

5. New Business

a. 2009 Annual Meeting Programming: Several ideas for programs and one idea for a workshop for next year were discussed. Written proposals should be submitted to Laura Ray, who will circulate the drafts among Education Committee members for comment. The deadline for final program proposals' submission to AALL is August 15.

b. Rare Materials Descriptive Cataloging Task Group: Sarah Yates announced the formation of a new Technical Services SIS task group charged with supplying examples of rare law books for inclusion in a book of examples to accompany DCRM(B), the new cataloging code for rare books. The task group will work in cooperation with the Bibliographic Standards Committee of ALA's Rare Books and Manuscript Section, the group responsible for DCRM(B) and the forthcoming book of examples.

c. AALL SIS Council Meeting: Karen Beck reported on what she learned at the SIS Council Meeting. One issue that came up was the relatively new practice of SIS programming and some problems with this such as the lack of audio recording of and evaluation forms for SIS programs. AALL will continue to work on these details with the SISs. Karen also reported on the new "Recruitment to Law Librarianship" brochure and a discussion of issues relating to vendor sponsorship, such as how much we can or should accept from vendors that do not adhere to our Fair Business Practices Standards or do not contribute to our price index.

d. Introduction of New Member: Jennie Meade introduced Kasia Solon, new rare books librarian at George Washington University's Jacob Burns Law Library.

6. Acknowledgments and Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Yates
Secretary/Treasurer