Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS)
2012 - 2013 Annual Report

The 2012 - 2013 ALL-SIS Executive Board members were Leah Sandwell-Weiss, Chair; Lauren Collins, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Meg Butler, Secretary/Treasurer; Debora Person, Member-at-Large; and Kumar Jayasuriya, Immediate Past Chair.

The **Executive Board** prepared a major revision to the ALL-SIS Bylaws to bring them into compliance with actual practice, desired practice, and AALL guidance. The revision was approved at the ALL-SIS Breakfast & Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting on July 14, 2013.

The **Awards Committee** recognized three award winners and also awarded four travel grants to AALL: two for CONELL for $500 each and two stimulus grants for regular and active members of $1000 each. The committee also awarded a grant to attend the AALL Management Institute.

The **Collection Development Committee** developed a Coffee Talk to be held at the Annual Meeting dealing with ABA Standards, entitled "Where Do We Begin? What the Proposed Revisions to ABA Standard 606 will Mean for Your Collection - and Your Budget." They also prepared a roundtable as an open forum.

The **CALI Committee** worked with Sarah Glassmeyer, Director of Content Development at CALI, to recruit new authors and review lessons. Ten new legal research CALI lessons were reviewed by the Committee during the year and 7 new lessons were updated and republished.

The **Faculty Services Committee** focused on three areas this year: the Faculty Services Committee website; revising and a new faculty services survey; and planning the Faculty Services Roundtable. Recommendations for the website will be passed on to the new committee; the new survey was distributed in May 2013; and the Roundtable will cover 5 different areas relevant to faculty services work.

The **Membership and ALL-New Committees** were re-formed this year as separate committees; Chairs of each committee serve as members of the other to maintain the relationship. The Membership Committee updated the "Welcome Kit" sent to each new member of the SIS. The task of discovering new members to send the Kit to was made easier through a new process designed with the help of AALL and the ALL-SIS Treasurer, Meg Butler.

The **Newsletter Committee** published 3 regular editions of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* this year, as well as the Election issue. Print copies of the *Newsletter* were submitted to HeinOnline where digital copies are now available.

The **Nominations Committee** was reduced from 7 to 3 members this year to be in compliance with the ALL-SIS Bylaws. They did an excellent job and selected two candidates each for the positions of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Member-at-Large.

The **Programs Committee**'s role changed this year based on changes in AALL's programming process. Instead of offering priority ranking of programs, this year the committee acted in an

advisory role. One Workshop, "W2: Classroom Makeover: Renovate Your Class with Technology that Promotes Hands-On Learning," was accepted. In addition, ALL-SIS also accepted "A7: It's All about the Money: Re-thinking the Way We Teach Cost-Effective Legal Research."

The **Research and Scholarship Committee** was formed in July 2012 with the goal of assisting law librarians with their research efforts and promoting law librarian scholarship. The committee created a Scholarly Writing Mentor Program this year to assist novice and veteran scholars, as well as setting up a wiki with information on publishing opportunities, grants, workshops, etc., at http://lawlibrarianswrite.pbworks.com.

The **Scholarly Communication Task Force** was established this year to produce a report dealing with the most significant scholarly communication issues in the legal academy and libraries and recommend ways in which the SIS could provide a forum for information sharing and collaboration on such issues. The committee submitted a draft report with general recommendations including: continue to use and develop a website/clearing house for use by ALL-SIS members; explore professional development programming recommendation in conjunction with planning programs for next year's annual meeting; and appoint a standing committee to move forward with other recommendations.

The **Student Services Committee** developed a program for the annual meeting, "Meeting the Needs of Students and their Future Employers: Discussions on Legal Research Instruction and Student Services Inspired by Practioner Feedback." Committee members also updated and re-named the document section provided by the Committee; the new name is the "Student Services Websites & User Guides," available on the committee's website. They also worked on the Student Services Toolkit and hosted an online discussion.

Three Task Forces prepared White Papers this year: the **Task Force on Identifying Skills and Knowledge for Legal Practice** (*A Study of Attorneys' Legal Research Practices and Opinions of New Associates' Research Skills*); the **Task Force on Library Marketing and Outreach**; and the **Task Force on the Use of Mobile Technology**. The Library Marketing and Outreach White Paper will be published in the *Law Library Journal* this fall; the Task Force also prepared a Marketing & Outreach Toolkit. The Mobile Technology's White Paper, *Evaluating Mobile Technology: The Formula for Success*, comes with accompanying spreadsheets. All these documents are available on the ALL-SIS Website.

The past year has been a busy one for the **ALL-SIS Webmaster**, as he has been working to move the section's web materials to AALL's primary web platform, AALLnet. He has cleaned up hundreds of pages of web content, arranging them with in the new systems file structure and adjusting the graphics and layout to work with the AALLnet display templates. One advantage to the new system is that most resources will now be available using their general membership login credentials, rather than requiring a separate username and password.