

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) 2013 - 2014 Annual Report

The 2013 - 2014 ALL-SIS Executive Board members were: Lauren M. Collins, Chair; Christine Hepler, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Margaret (Meg) Butler, Secretary/Treasurer; Cindy Guyer, Member-at-Large; and Leah Sandwell-Weiss, immediate past chair.

The Executive Board, on the heels of a major revision to the ALL-SIS Bylaws, completed a review of changes to the AALL Bylaws and has proposed a revision to add an Antidiscrimination clause. The revision will be voted on during the ALL-SIS Breakfast & Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting, on July 13, 2014.

ALL-NEW began a relationship with Gen X / Gen Y to assist new law librarians with building their support structure and promoting the activities of each SIS. ALL-NEW is planning a “conference buddy” program to work with librarians attending their first conference and working on additional resources for new law librarians.

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 Collection Development Committee sponsored four E-Forum Discussions on various topics related to acquisitions and collection policy, made preliminary plans to launch a Collection Development Toolkit and developed a Roundtable Discussion to be held at the Annual Meeting. The committee also reached out to ABA-accredited law schools to update the links to collection development policies on the website.

The CALI Committee charge was changed in the 2012-2013 year from CALI’s Advisory Board to become a support to CALI aiding them with marketing, idea development and beta testing. The group’s most significant accomplishment of the year was the development of an ALL-SIS Grant to support CALI attendance, which will be awarded for the first time in the next fiscal year.

The Faculty Services Committee updated the website, both revising the format and updating the information. The new site includes a summary report developed by the current committee updating the 2005 survey of faculty services provided in academic law libraries. Finally, the group planned a Faculty Services Roundtable for the 2014 Annual Meeting, in which members will explore three areas relevant to faculty services work.

The Legal Research & Sourcebook Committee worked with the Webmaster to migrate old editions of the Sourcebook for Teaching Legal Research to the new ALLNET website and make those materials more easily accessible through an easier means of logging in. They solicited new materials for the Sourcebook and have planned another Roundtable this year.

The Marketing and Outreach Task Force, in its first year as a standing committee, wrote a White Paper that was published in *Law Library Journal*. They developed a toolkit to expand on the theories discussed in the White Paper and provide concrete examples for members.

The Newsletter Committee published 3 regular editions of the *ALL-SIS Newsletter* this year, as well as the Election issue. Barbara Traub, Newsletter Editor for the last four years, has decided to retire and pass the editorial work to I-Wei Wang, who served on the Newsletter Committee for several years.

The Programs Committee successfully proposed, planned and will present program *DI - Innovation the Google Way: Implementing Google's 80/20 Program in Your Law Library*. They also continued their tradition of providing input to individual members proposing programs.

The Research and Scholarship Committee piloted its Scholarly Writing Mentor Program, pairing 40 newer writers with mentors to assist them with their writing projects. The committee also developed a webinar that was presented in May and is currently developing a research and scholarship grant program.

The Student Services Committee updated their web presence, including the list of links to student services pages of ABA-accredited law libraries, and planned a Roundtable discussion for the Annual Meeting. Other projects included completion of the Student Services Toolkit, which includes a bibliography, marketing information, student service librarian job descriptions and listings of services provided for students by several law libraries.

The Task Force on Identifying Knowledge and Skills for Legal Practice completed and submitted its second report, *A Comparison of Responses from Attorneys and from Law Librarians on Legal Research Practices and Expectations for New Associates*. The Task Force will release a final report next year and its sub-group will conduct a survey of legal research programs.

The Task Force on Best Practices for the 21st Century Law Library will conduct a Roundtable at AALL to get member participation in the development of its survey instrument, which will be released next year.

For the complete text of each committee report for the 2013-2014 year, visit our website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/all/committees/reports>.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren M. Collins
Chair, 2013 - 2014