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NOMINATIONS FOR ACADEMIC SIS OFFICE, 1987-88

The Academic SIS Nominations Committee, consisting of Barbara Gontrum, University of Maryland, chair, Richard Danner, Duke University, and Dan Freehling, Boston University, has announced its selection of candidates for office in 1987-88.

For Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Lynn Foster, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Library
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SIS SEEKS LIAISONS TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Diana Vincent-Daviss, N.Y.U. Law Library, has agreed to serve as the liaison for the Academic SIS with the AALS through her membership on the AALS Committee on Libraries. The SIS is seeking volunteers who belong to other professional organizations to act as liaisons with those organizations. Interested parties should contact the Academic SIS Chair.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACADEMIC SIS ACTIVITIES IN CHICAGO

Under the general coordination of Frank Houdek, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, a number of programs will be presented at the 1987 AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago under the sponsorship of our SIS. Listed below are the sponsored programs, business meetings and events of interest to our section members. Where applicable, reference is made to the 80th Annual Meeting brochure which contains more detailed information on each program.

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SIS Business Meeting and Roundtable Discussions

MONDAY, JULY 6TH

10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Law Library Statistics Standard: The Final Frontier--What Should We Count How Should We Count: Who Should Do the Counting? Co-sponsored with the Statistics Committee and the Standards Committee. Coordinator and Moderator: Robert Nissenbaum. (brochure, page 4)

4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Law Library Consortia--A Touch of Reality. Co-sponsored with the Council of Law Library Consortia. Coordinator and Moderator: Robin K. Mills. (brochure, page 5)

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SIS Reception at Northwestern Univ. Law Library (see page 3 of Newsletter for invitation)

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Renewing Our (Own) Constitution--The Librarian's Sabbatical. Coordinator and Moderator: Frank Houdek. (brochure, page 6)

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Measuring Quality. Co-sponsored with the Statistics Committee and the Standards Committee. Coordinator and Moderator: Sandra S. Coleman. (brochure, page 8)

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The Law School Computer Lab: What is the Library's Role? Co-sponsored with the Readers' Services SIS. Coordinator and Moderator: Carol Bredemeyer. (brochure, page 9)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AALL Business Meeting (Vote will be taken on proposed resolution on faculty status for academic law librarians)

**RECEPTION INVITATION FROM
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY AND
ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES SIS**

Northwestern University School of Law Library and the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section invite the members of the American Association of Law Libraries to a reception, courtesy of DIALOG Information Services, Inc.; The Faxon Company; Information Access Company; Microform, Inc.; and Readex Microprint Corporation, Monday, July 6, 1987, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please join us at the beautiful new Rubloff Building, 375 East Chicago Avenue (corner of Chicago Avenue and Lake Shore Drive) for refreshments and library tours. The School of Law, a twenty-minute walk or a five minute cab ride from the convention hotel, is two blocks from Michigan Avenue, Chicago's "Magnificent Mile," a concentration of the finest shopping and dining in the city.

**RESOLUTION ON FACULTY STATUS
TO BE PROPOSED BY ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIANS**

Fannie Fishlyn, with assistance from Barbara Bintliff and Chair Elect Frank Houdek, has prepared the following introduction to the Academic SIS's Statement of Faculty Status, approved by our SIS in 1984, which will be proposed as a resolution at the AALL business meeting in Chicago. The text of the statement itself has been revised slightly by the SIS Chair, Peter Schanck, to conform to resolution terminology and format.

INTRODUCTION

In 1983, the Academic SIS began to investigate the question of job security for academic law librarians, focusing specifically on faculty status. A committee presented a policy statement favoring faculty status at the SIS meeting in San Diego in 1984. The proposed statement was approved by the SIS and subsequently presented to the AALL Executive Board. At that time the Board took no action. The SIS was later informed at the 1986 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., that a resolution of this nature must be considered by the AALL membership as a whole. To that end, the attached resolution on faculty status for academic law librarians will be presented for approval by the membership at the 1987 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The Academic SIS feels strongly that this resolution should be adopted. When academic law librarians seek faculty status at their institutions, they will be able to demonstrate with this resolution that such status is deemed appropriate by the organization most closely involved with the operation of law libraries, the American Association of Law Libraries. The resolution indicates many functions of law librarians of which a university administration may not even be aware. Academic law librarians, as well as teaching faculty, need to have real job security and genuine recognition of the vital role they play in the overall education program of any law school.

It is important to note that the passage of this resolution will benefit all law librarians, not just those in the academic sphere. If more academic law librarians gain faculty status, the status of all law librarians will be enhanced. Lawyers coming from schools which recognize the importance of their law librarians by giving them faculty status will carry the respect developed in law school into their relationship with law librarians during the practice of law.

The Academic SIS hopes you will give this resolution your careful consideration and vote favorably for it in Chicago. If you have any questions or comments about this resolution, please contact Peter Schanck, Chairperson, Academic SIS, University of Kansas Law Library.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the character and quality of a law school is shaped in large measure by the nature of its library holdings and the ease and imagination with which those resources are made accessible to members of the law school community; and

WHEREAS, law librarians make a unique and important contribution to American legal education; and

WHEREAS, they bear central responsibility for developing the law school's collection, for extending bibliographical control over the collection, for instructing students (both formally in the classroom and informally in the library), and advising faculty and scholars in the use of the collection; and

WHEREAS, they provide a variety of information services to the law school and university communities, ranging from answers to specific questions to the compilation of extensive bibliographies; and

WHEREAS, they provide library and information services to the community at large, including federal, state, and local government agencies, law firms, business firms and other organizations, and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their own research into the information process and through bibliographical and other studies, they add to the sum of knowledge in the fields of library practice, law, and information science; and

WHEREAS, through membership and participation in library, legal and scholarly organizations, they work to improve the practice of law librarianship, law, legal bibliography, and information services; and

WHEREAS, without law librarians, the quality of teaching, research, and public service in our law schools would deteriorate seriously and programs in some areas could no longer be offered; and

WHEREAS, their contribution is academic in nature and is the product of considerable formal education, including professional training at the graduate level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of Law Libraries urges universities and law schools to recognize academic law librarians as partners in the educational enterprise and to extend to them the rights and privileges which are not only commensurate with their contributions, but are necessary if they are to carry out their responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association calls on academic institutions to grant formal faculty status to law librarians, either through their law faculty, law library faculty, or general university faculty, thereby recognizing them as professional academic employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since faculty status entails for law librarians the same rights and responsibilities as for other members of the faculty, they should have corresponding entitlement to promotion, compensation, leaves, and travel and research funds; and they should be offered a program leading to tenure or a form of security of position reasonably similar to tenure; and they should go through the same process of evaluation and meet appropriate standards for appointment, promotion, and the grant of related benefits; and evaluative criteria should reflect the unique responsibilities of law librarians in the academic mission of the law school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although details of each plan and procedures for extending faculty status to law librarians will vary among the universities and their law schools because of institutional differences, it is nonetheless necessary that fair and impartial standards for promotion in rank and status be developed with cooperation among the law librarians, the law school, and the university's administration; and as in the case of any academic position, these standards should then be approved by the appropriate governing body before submission to the university's president and governing board for approval.

ADDENDUM: It has been suggested to members of the Academic SIS Executive Committee by certain AALL leaders that we may confront some serious problems obtaining passage of the proposed resolution in its present language. The Committee will present these concerns to the SIS membership for discussion at our business meeting in Chicago.

CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

NEW EXHIBITS

Laws and Space

Color photographs of planets, etc. from a Nat'l Geographic article mounted on black construction paper with portions of space treaties and quotes about space/the universe Bibliography of law review articles
19 pieces: 13-9x12 photos on black paper; 1-12x25 photo; 1-9x24 photo; 3-9x12 pages from space treaties/agreements; 1-12x20 name of exhibit

Shakespeare and the Law

Color photographs of Shakespeare, the Globe, scenes/actors from plays
10 pieces: 1-8 1/2x11 bibliography; 2-8 1/2x11 pages of essay; 1-12x30 sign; 6-13x10 photographs (excerpted from Shakespeare, the Globe, and the World)

Mysteries at the Movies

Plot summaries and cast lists from McGill's Survey of Cinema and black and white photos of famous directors and scenes from films, excerpted from The Mystery and Suspense Engagement Calendar, 1987
7-8x7 plot synopses; 11-7x10 black and white photos mounted on red board; 1 black paper gun with hand; 1-12x30 sign

PUBLICATIONS

"A Guide to the Law Library." 32p. Description and guide to the Baylor School of Law Library.

"Legal Bibliography Summary." 9p. Prepared by Prof. David G. Cowan for Legal Methods I course. Basically a list of sources covered in the research course.

