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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

By Merle Slyhoff, 2002-2003 ALL-SIS Chair

By now we've all settled in to the academic year, so it's time to focus on the work of the ALL-SIS. I see this as a year of forward movement. Here's a teaser to whet your appetites for the year to come:

- The ALL-SIS web site will become a more vital, integral part of the SIS
- Liaisons to other SISs will help consolidate the work of all academic law librarians
- Alternative education formats will complement annual meeting programs
- Librarians and publishers will work together to resolve issues

These are just a few of the many projects the ALL-SIS will be tackling this year. We have many committees working on many issues, but we can always use more help. Let me know if you would like to be an active participant of your SIS.

I'll be sending e-mail updates as the year progresses. And I hope you'll e-mail me (mslyhoff@law.upenn.edu) your ideas and comments.

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Committee Rosters and Charges

The ALL-SIS Committees, Task Forces and Special Working Groups have begun their work for 2002-2003. But it's not too late to sign up and contribute some time and effort to your SIS. We can especially use your help on the groups that don't have many members. Please contact me if you want to work with a group, or if you have questions. 215-898-9013; mslyhoff@law.upenn.edu.

Merle

COMMITTEES

AWARDS

James Duggan, Chair
Ed Edmonds
Sally Holterhoff
Melanie Dunshee

CHARGE:

- Solicit nominations for Hicks Award and Publications Award; select recipients for 2003 awards.

- Consider recommendation of 2002 Chair regarding new award for Best Practices; make recommendation to Board by the end of December 2002.

- Investigate establishing a scholarship to be awarded to ALL-SIS member to attend AALL Annual Meeting, CALI conference, or other relevant meetings; report back to Board by January 2003.

- Investigate awarding of service pins to librarians in profession of academic law librarianship for more than X number of years (20, for example); report back to Board by February 2003.

BYLAWS

Pam Williams, Chair

CHARGE:

- Review bylaws for inconsistencies.
- Follow through with 2002 bylaws change
- Send new version to ALL-SIS newsletter, webmaster; follow through with AALL Bylaws Committee.

CONALL/MENTORING

Ruth Levor, Chair
Jennifer Murray
Julia Wentz
Jennifer Sekula
Carol Bredemeyer
Victoria Williamson
Eileen Santos

CHARGE:

- Plan CONALL event for 2003 meeting; set up mentoring for 2003. Incorporate the following: ribbon or like to identify CONALL members; the Tuesday reception will be to honor awards recipients as well as CONALL/Mentoring members, including introductions at reception; possibly "formalized" mentoring session before reception.

CONTINUING STATUS/TENURE

Robert Hu, Chair
Richard Humphrey
Susan Lewis-Somers
Leah Sandwell-Weiss
Maureen Eggert

CHARGE:

- Identify existing policies and put on web page.
- Investigate status of the University of New Mexico survey.

DIRECTORS BREAKFAST

Penny Hazelton, Chair

CHARGE:

- Plan Directors Breakfast, working with West (sponsor) and hotel.
- Plan breakfast program.

PROGRAMS

Carole Hinchcliff, Co-Chair
Ajaye Bloomstone, Co-chair
Ted Potter
Camille Broussard
Carol Grant

CHARGE:

- Solicit program proposals for 2003 Annual Meeting.
- Work with program coordinators to meet AALL deadlines.
- Work with PR Committee to promote programs to membership.

LEGAL RESEARCH

Beth Smith, Chair
Jennifer Murray
Joe Custer
Deb Person
Sibyl Marshall

CALI Subcommittee

Kit Krelick, Chair
Pat Fox
Kristina Niedringhaus
Shaun Esposito

Advanced Legal Research Web Sourcebook Subcommittee

Wendy Scott, Chair
Maureen Garmon
Joe Custer
Maureen Eggert
Kit Krelick
Rob Truman

CHARGE:

- Identify areas for development; work with Education Task Force.
- Legal Research projects identified and to be worked on in 2003 include Library Exhibits (Sibyl Marshall), state-by-state access to legal information, job descriptions, online catalogs.
- Coordinate work of subcommittees; set deadlines with them for specific projects.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENT

Kristin Cheney, Chair
Kara Phillips

CHARGE:

- Make arrangements for Tuesday evening ALL-SIS reception.
- Work with Lexis (reception sponsor).
- Work with Awards Committee and CONALL/Mentoring Committee to arrange for their events at the reception.

MEMBERSHIP

Arturo Torres, Chair
Erika Wayne
Sue Burch
Marjorie Crawford
Victoria Williamson

CHARGE:

- Establish liaisons to TS-SIS, CS-SIS and RIPS-SIS; establish guidelines for liaisons.
- Work with Mentoring Committee to establish mentoring program.
- Write short piece for AALL Spectrum SIS column on benefits of membership in ALL-SIS.

MIDDLE MANAGERS BREAKFAST

Joyce Manno Janto, Chair

CHARGE:

- Plan Directors Breakfast, working with West (sponsor) and hotel.
- Plan breakfast program.

NEWSLETTER

Shaun Esposito, Chair
Leah Sandwell-Weiss
Deb Person
Victoria Williamson

CHARGE:

- Identify areas to be covered in newsletter.
- Create electronic newsletter in pdf format.
- Create columnists.

- Create committee columns (all committee chairs are expected to submit at least one column during the year).

NOMINATIONS

Mila Rush, Chair
Ann Puckett
Anne Teller

CHARGE:

- Solicit candidates for 2003-04 slate.
- Compile previous slates for archives.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Amy Osborne, Chair
Erika Wayne

CHARGE:

- Set up ALL-SIS table in exhibit area and in CONELL Marketplace.
- Work with webmaster to have brochure put on web page.
- Work with CONALL/Mentoring to promote their work.
- Work with Meeting Local Arrangements chair to promote Tuesday evening reception.
- Promote business meeting/breakfast.
- Work with Program Committee to promote programs for 2003 Annual Meeting.

RELATIONS WITH VENDORS

Nancy McMurrer, Chair
Stephanie Edwards

CHARGE:

- Monitor vendor issues as they affect academic law libraries.
- Work with relevant TS-SIS committees and CRIV.
- Investigate specific publishers to determine if the SIS can provide any information to them regarding how it's used, etc.

STATISTICS

Leonette Williams, Chair
Margaret Duczynski

CHARGE:

- Investigate ARL and local statistics.
- Work with liaison Pauline Aranas.
- Work on setting definition guidelines for statistics.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mark Bernstein, Chair
Gary Hill
Larry Myers
Tom French
Suzanne Cassidy
Teresa Cristina Stanton
Leah Sandwell-Weiss

CHARGE:

- Work with Website Committee get the finalized strategic plan on the ALL-SIS web page.
- Function as resource for Executive Board as they write implementation stage of plan.

WEBSITE

David Burch, Chair
Leah Sandwell-Weiss

CHARGE:

- Keep ALL-SIS website current.
- Check for dead links, etc. on a regular basis.
- Serve on the Web Content Task Force.

SPECIAL WORKING GROUP

VISITING LIBRARIAN PROJECT

Richard Leiter, Chair
Carole Hinchcliffe
Bob Nissenbuam
Valerie Weiss

CHARGE:

- Identify libraries that will participate in program.
- Put libraries and their policies on the web page.
- If this program is currently offered only to law firm libraries, extend to other law libraries.

- Work with chapters to establish visiting librarians.

TASK FORCES

BNA TASK FORCE

Suzanne Thorpe, Chair
Rich Leiter
Mike Whipple
Mike Bernier Ex Officio

CHARGE:

- Determine if the SIS can do anything to help resolve this issue.
- Work with consortia (NELLCO, COSELL, Mid-America, etc.) to see what they have done.
- Set up a meeting with BNA staff to be held during AALS in Washington D.C.

EDUCATION

Steve Hinckley, Chair
Barbara Monroe
Merle Slyhoff
Scott Childs

CHARGE:

- Investigate alternative education resources other than attending AALL meetings.
- Work with relevant committees, including Legal Research and Website Content.

WEB CONTENT & REDESIGN

Dan Campbell, Chair
David Burch
Eric Young

CHARGE:

- Redesign web page to make it more dynamic.
- Work with relevant committees, especially the Education TF, to determine new information that should be on web page.

SUPPORT FOR LAW JOURNALS

Paul George, Chair
James Duggan
Will Haines
Kathleen McLeod
Lisa Peters
Merle Slyhoff
Duane Strojny

CHARGE:

- Continue work as charged last year.
- Determine what information can be posted to web.
- Create list of contact names for libraries for the web page.
- Develop program for 2003 Annual Meeting, plus handout of "tips" that would be posted to the ALL-SIS list.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Margaret Maes Axtmann, Chair
Pam Deemer
Shaun Esposito
Anne Klinefelter
Marguerite Most
Sally Wise
Doug Lind
Richard Humphreys

CHARGE:

- Continue work as charged last year.
- Determine what information can be posted to the web; work with Web Committee to get items posted.

Trials and Tribulations of a New Law Librarian

By

**Jennifer S. Murray, Research Librarian
Gabriel and Matilda Barnett Information
Technology Center and the Asa V. Call Law
Library, University of Southern California**

Note: This is the second in what is hoped will be a series of columns about the experiences of those new to the academic law librarianship profession—ed.

I am often amazed at the amount of money spent by vendors to provide promotional items and sponsor various events at law schools. Now I should make clear that I am just as likely as anyone else to accept the free promotional items and facilitate these events. I have the obligatory vendor clock on my work desk. I have even been known to ask vendors to sponsor food and drink for legal research workshops. However, I cannot help but feel a twinge of guilt when I think about the money spent on these things. How many times would a third-world country's gross domestic product divide into the amount of money vendors spend on marketing? Yet, I realize that these vendor promotions and sponsorships are necessary both for the vendor and the recipient.

Marketing is a critical function for vendors. Because law schools provide vendors access to the next generation of attorneys who are going to use their products, they are a prime venue. And law schools also benefit from this relationship in that law students gain experience with tools that are arguably necessary for their future employment. When I began teaching online legal research to first year law students, I wonder if I was like a drug supplier getting them hooked on something that would later prove very costly. I now realize that as long as we promote awareness of cost-effective search techniques and free or low-cost alternatives, we are creating conscientious consumers. And law students are savvy enough not to be fooled by the hype. I am sure they view it as a win-win situation.

But is there a point where you draw the line? Is the packet of vendor peanuts I received the other day where the line should be drawn? I have yet to resolve this ethical quandary. I suppose that until I do, I will sit back and enjoy a nice cup of hot tea from a vendor's insulated mug. Every job has its perks, right?

Newsletter News

With this first edition of Volume 22 of the ALL-SIS Newsletter, paper copies of the Newsletter will no longer be mailed to section members. The Newsletter will now be available on the ALL-SIS website in both HTML and PDF formats. Members who wish to maintain a printed archival copy of the Newsletter may print out the PDF file to obtain a copy laid out in normal published newsletter style.

Deadlines for the remaining two issues of the ALL-SIS Newsletter are:

Spring Issue: January 31, 2003
Summer Issue: April 25, 2003

Please submit all articles and announcements to the ALL-SIS Newsletter editor.

ALL-SIS SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR HICKS AND OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARDS

The ALL-SIS Awards Committee (James Duggan, Melanie Dunshee, Ed Edmonds, and Sally Holterhoff) is now accepting nominations for the following two awards.

The Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship recognizes an individual or group which has made outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship through continued efforts to improve law librarianship. The award, presented by the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries, is named in honor of Frederick Charles Hicks, the first great American law librarian/scholar who was also the first academic law librarian to serve as president of AALL. Past recipients have included Penny Hazelton, Frank Houdek, and Dick Danner.

Criteria:

- A nominee can be an individual or a group, and should exhibit extended and sustained contributions in one or more of the following areas:
- History of contributions to the field of law librarianship through research, publications and other activities displaying an active participation in the advancement of academic law librarianship;
- Achievement in a particular area of academic law librarianship;
- Service to AALL;
- Service to the ALL-SIS.

Submission Procedure:

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Preference will be given to members of the ALL-SIS nominations must include:

- A letter of nomination, including the candidate's full name, title, and institution name and address. If the candidate is retired, include name, home address, and most recent former employer.
- A narrative supporting the nomination, to include a discussion of the candidate's contributions to academic law librarianship;
- A curriculum vitae of the candidate;
- The name and phone number of the nominating party.

The award will be presented annually at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Deadline: All nominations must be received by February 3, 2003.

The ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award honors section members for contributions to the enhancement of academic law librarianship through publishing. Articles published in any format in any publication other than *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* during the year prior to the award qualify for consideration. Any aspect of academic law librarianship may be addressed. A plaque will be presented to the author or authors of the winning articles. The 2002 recipients of the award were Melissa M Serfass and Jessie L Cranford for their article, *Federal and State Court Rules Governing Publication and Citation of Opinions*, 3 *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* 251 (Spring 2001).

Criteria:

- Article must be authored by an ALL-SIS member. For co-authored articles, at least one author must be a member of ALL-SIS.
- Nominated articles for each year's award must have been published in the previous calendar year, i.e., 2002.

- ❑ Articles will be evaluated on:
 - Relevance of topic to some aspect of academic law librarianship, including but not limited to public services, technical services, legal research or teaching;
 - Quality of writing;
 - Effectiveness of communication technique.
- ❑ Articles may have appeared in any publication (paper or electronic) including AALL publications, chapter newsletters, non-AALL publications, or in-house publications.
- ❑ When appropriate, awards will be presented for excellence in writing in different areas of academic law librarianship, such as technical services, public services, or administration.
- ❑ Awards will not be presented in a given year if the Committee does not feel submissions meet the award criteria.

Submission Procedure:

- ❑ Articles for consideration must be sent electronically or in paper (5 copies) to the ALL-SIS Awards Committee chair.
- ❑ Articles may be submitted for consideration by any AALL member, including the authors.

Deadline: All nominations/submissions must be received by February 3, 2003.

Nominations/submissions for both awards may be sent to the ALL-SIS Awards Committee Chair, James E. Duggan, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, MC6803, Carbondale, IL 62901-6803. Questions can be directed to the chair at 618-453-8791 or duggan@siu.edu.

ALL-SIS Legal Research Roundtable in Orlando

Those of you who attended the annual meeting in Orlando may remember that early Monday evening, July 22, 2002 was perhaps the busiest time of the convention with a host of SIS, Chapter and social events scheduled. Nevertheless a group of law librarians dedicated to legal research resisted other tempting options and met with the ALL-SIS Legal Research Roundtable. Energized by the music and smells from the huge Aspen party right across the hall, the roundtable group managed to have a very productive meeting.

The evening included both presentations and roundtable discussions. Pauline Aranas spoke about the intense involvement of law librarians at Vanderbilt in the required first year legal research course. Carol Hinchcliff spoke about legal research instruction at Ohio State, and Wendy Scott discussed activities of the 2001-2002 Task Force on Advanced Legal Research. After the presentations, the discussion focused on identifying effective teaching strategies and new techniques adopted in teaching. Several participants mentioned that they had found having students work in small groups or teams an effective strategy. One participant mentioned that he had found using "hot topics" for research problems more effective than other canned, recycled problems. Another insisted that too much reliance on power point had NOT been effective.

Participants also suggested topics for future legal research activities. Some ideas suggested were:

- Developing model research courses outside the traditional ALR structure
- Initiating librarian-faculty partnerships for research instruction
- Identifying methods to evaluate student research skills
- Hosting a threaded message board devoted to legal research
- Using the reference desk as a locus of research instruction

In the end, the roundtable meeting was the opportunity for a thought provoking exchange of experiences, successes and frustrations for librarians engaged in teaching legal research in a variety of venues --credit courses, required courses, informal one time sessions, or in "teachable moments."

Submitted by Rosalie Sanderson

ACADEMIC SIS RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL MERIT AWARD FOR CALI COLLABORATION

AALL President Barbara Bintliff presented the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section with a Presidential Certificate of Merit during the second Business Meeting of the AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida. The award recognizes an innovative collaborative project the Section developed with the Center for Computer Aided Legal Instruction. The Section was cited for its contribution in furtherance of the AALL Strategic Plan, Direction 1, Outcome D, Initiative 2 (partnerships with other associations to offer continuing legal research education). Tory Trotta, the ALL-SIS Chair who initiated the project, accepted the award on behalf of ALL-SIS.

This recognition culminates two years of effort by a group of ALL-SIS members who wished to have more legal research exercises represented among the CALI lessons. At present there are 7 new lessons completed, and there is an ongoing process in place to review new proposals. CALI has committed to funding ten legal research lessonettes per year. For more details, visit:

<http://www.cali.org/fellows/LegalResearch.html>.



Notice for "Old Timers" or Those with Long Term Memories

The AALL Spectrum will soon begin running a series of profiles of all SISs. In the course of preparing the ALL-SIS profile, I've discovered that pre-web it was very easy to lose track of documents and information. We have some information on our website now relating to the founding, but I am looking for more.

If you were actually there in San Francisco in 1979 when the ALL-SIS had its first meeting, and you have any memory of the event, please drop me an email with your recollections. According to various reports, there were 47 members the first year. Some of the early members are no longer working in law librarianship, so I'm very interested in hearing from any of you who were there or were aware of activities leading to the founding of the ALL-SIS or in the early years.

Please send me recollections of how the group began and why the group began. I'm also interested in any anecdotes, funny or otherwise. If you have any documents relating to the early years of the ALL-SIS, please send those too. We are planning to scan some of these documents and make them available on the ALL-SIS website. Please don't be shy! Share your memories!! Send emails to Rosalie Sanderson at rsanderson@nyls.edu.

ALL-SIS Member News

Druet Cameron Klugh, reference librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, co-presented "Computer Assisted Legal Research Options" to the Law Office Technology Committee of the Colorado Bar Association on May 2, 2002. Their topic canvassed subscription and free sites on the Internet, such as Westlaw.com, Lexis.com, LoisLaw.com, QuickLaw.com, Findlaw.com, and LexisOne.com. They focused on the importance of self-assessments in order to identify what resources are best for particular research needs, as well as evaluating database resources and licensing agreements so people can make sure they get what they pay for.

The University of Colorado Law Library welcomes Joanne Dugan as the new head of public services. Dugan was formerly a manager of library relations at West Group.

Druet Cameron Klugh, reference librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, received an AALL Type 1 scholarship and a LexisNexis /John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship in July. Klugh is the immediate past president of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries and is attending the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Jane Thompson, former head of faculty services at the University of Colorado Law Library, has been promoted to assistant director for faculty services in recognition of her outstanding service and performance.

James G. Durham, Publications and Reference Librarian at South Texas College of Law, recently served as Chair of the organizing committee for an "Alternative Family Law CLE," co-sponsored by the College and by the Stonewall Law Association of Greater Houston. The CLE had 65 attendees and 9 speakers for the full-day seminar which focused on the legal rights of unmarried heterosexual couples, non-sexual roommates, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered families. Mayor Lee Brown of Houston proclaimed September 25, 2002, "Alternative Family Law Day" in honor of the groundbreaking event. A copy of the proclamation was unveiled and presented to Dean Frank T. Read at the beginning of the program.

Collection Development Task Force Update

The Task Force on Collection Development met briefly in Orlando in July to review progress on our initial charge, add some new responsibilities, make assignments, and establish timelines. Here is what we hope to complete by the 2003 annual meeting:

- 1) identify and evaluate commonly used tools for selections;
- 2) identify and evaluate tools for collection evaluation (especially important in the wake of the cessation of AALS Recommended Law Books & RLG conspectus);
- 3) develop a bibliography on collection development organizational structures;
- 4) examine organizational structures used in law libraries;
- 5) fill in the rest of the survey started in spring 2002 to identify the individual in each law library who has primary responsibility for collection development oversight;
- 6) develop a training outline for new collection development librarians; and
- 7) consider methods of making this material widely available to academic law librarians, e.g., via a link on the ALL-SIS website or some other method.

We will be using various methods of collecting this information, including formal and informal surveys of our colleagues. We welcome your feedback on any of the above items. Tell us what you know or what you need to know!

Task Force members are Margie Axtmann (Chair), Pam Deemer, Shaun Esposito, Richard Humphreys, Anne Klinefelter, Doug Lind, Marguerite Most, and Sally Wise.

News from The Academic SIS Education Committee

On behalf of the Academic SIS, Education Committee, I want to announce that the following programs we submitted to the Annual Meeting Program Committee have been accepted:

Long Programs:

Envisioning the Future Teaching Role of Law Librarians
Featuring Stephen Abram - Coordinator and moderator, Carole Hinchcliff, Ohio State

Secure Connections: Safety and Security in the Law Library
Coordinator and moderator - George Pike, University of Pittsburgh

30 Minute Programs:

"Making" Law Review: How Law Libraries Support Academic Law Journals and Staffs
Featuring Paul George, Univ. of Pennsylvania - Coordinator and moderator, James Duggan, Southern Illinois

ABA Statistics: Tackling Topical Questions
Coordinator and moderator, Ajaye Bloomstone

Also, Kit Kreilick's 30 minute program, How to Write a CALI Legal Research Exercise, which we co-sponsored, was accepted.

We welcome your attendance at these programs in Seattle!

Thank you

Carole Hinchcliff and Ajaye Bloomstone (Co-chairs)
Camille Broussard
Carol Grant
Ted Potter
Merle Slyhoff (ex-officio)

GRC Seeks PAGI Nominations

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2003 Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS. This year it was awarded to FirstGov for their wonderful revised web site.

Criteria for selection include:

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Nominations should be in the form of a letter to the chair, with at least one page of explanation about the nominee's qualifications for the award. Supporting documentation should also be included if available.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Charlene Cain (Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1010, llcain@lsu.edu), no later than February 1, 2003.

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Newsletter Deadlines for 2002-2003 Academic Year

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Please submit all articles and announcements to the ALL-SIS Newsletter editor. Are you working on any interesting special projects? Have you attended a meeting and learned something you want to share with colleagues? Do you just want to rant and rave about some problems related to academic law librarianship? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please send your thoughts. Any format, printed, faxed, or e-mailed will do, but it would be easiest for Newsletter production if the article is sent either as an attached text or word processing file or as the body of an e-mail. Thank you for your contributions and for your consideration.



ALL-SIS was established in 1979 to promote interest in and to address issues of common concern to those employed in academic law libraries. The SIS serves as the umbrella organization for all interests--administration, collection development, consortia, directors, fees for service, interlibrary loan, public services, technical services, middle management, etc....

ALL-SIS provides opportunities for all librarians to contribute to the overall betterment of the entire academic law community. ALL-SIS has grown to more than 800 members and is the second largest SIS in AALL. Our members come from all aspects of academic law librarianship. Because of the SIS's broad coverage and subtopic focus, all those working in academic law libraries can benefit from membership and are encouraged to join.