

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS)
2017-2018 Annual Report

The 2017-2018 ALL-SIS Executive Board Members were: Caroline L. Osborne, Chair; Anna Lawless Collins, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; Genevieve Tung, Secretary/Treasurer; Amanda Runyon, Member-at-Large; and Prano Amjadi, Immediate Past Chair.

The Executive Board continued the review and discussion of the Strategic Plan as recommended by the Strategic Planning task force. Following a lengthy discussion over two years, the revised plan was accepted, voted on, and adopted. The plan was then posted on the ALL-SIS web page.

Furthering prior work of the Executive Board on the ALL-SIS committee structure, all committee chairs were asked to appoint a Vice-Chair who would naturally assume the position of chair of the committee in the following year. This move was designed to provide continuity often lacking in the committee structure.

The Executive Board worked with the Local Arrangements and Programs committee to provide a vibrant and intellectually stimulating array of meeting and educational opportunities for the annual AALL conference meeting in Baltimore. Patrick Parsons, Research and Instructional Services Librarian at Georgia State University College of Law Library and Laura Ray, Outreach & Instructional Services Librarian at Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library's program proposal of Strategies for Successful Independent Library Certificate and Educational Programming was accepted as the ALL-SIS program. In addition, a series of roundtable discussions were held featuring topics of relevance to academic librarians. The Local Arrangements committee planned the All Member's Breakfast, Director's Breakfast, Middle Manager's Breakfast and the Member's Reception which featured, respectfully, the excellent speakers of Professor Starger, developer of the SCOTUS mapping project, Associate Dean Russell McClain, and a panel discussion featuring Wendy Moore, Lisa Goodman and David Matchen. The University of Baltimore hosted and sponsored the Member's Reception. I-Wei Wang's work as editor of the ALL-SIS newsletter and Ellen Augustiniak's work as webmaster were acknowledged at the reception.

The Executive Board again considered the issue of funding of the ALA Cataloging representatives. The Executive Board agreed that the classification of legal information is central to the work of law libraries and that the work of the ALA Cataloging representatives was critical. The Executive Board agreed to contribute \$750, as requested, to the ALA Cataloging representatives. Prano Amjadi represented ALL-SIS on a special committee of the SIS Council to petition the AALL Executive Board to reinstate funding for these representatives. Unfortunately, the AALL Executive Board declined to reinstate funding. As per the ALL-SIS boards representation to the membership, any future funding would require a poll of the membership for advice and consent before the ALL-SIS Executive Board would consider additional funding. A survey of the membership was released following our June virtual meeting. The survey results overwhelmingly supported funding of the representatives.

The Awards Committee conferred a Leadership Academy Grant of \$1,000 to each of Patrick Parsons, Georgia State University College of Law Library and Zanada Joyner, North Carolina Central University School of Law library. A \$500 grant was awarded to AJ Blechner, Harvard

Law School Library. Additional grants conferred were: Active Member Stimulus Grant, \$1,000 to Carol Bredemeyer Chase College of Law Library; Regular Member Stimulus Grant, \$1,000 to Jennifer Wondracek, UNT Dallas College of Law and a CONNELL Grant, \$500 to Nicole Catlin, Schoenecker Law Library. No nominations were received for the Fredrick Charles Hicks Award, the Outstanding Service Award or the Outstanding Article Award.

At the request of the Executive Board, the Awards Committee was asked to consider the creation of a new award that recognized outstanding work in the area of non-traditional publication. This award was approved and will be available for presentation at the AALL 2019 Annual meeting.

Following I-Wei Wang's announcement of her intent to step down as editor of the newsletter, the Executive Board accepted and reviewed applications for a successor. Katie Hanschke was appointed as the new editor after a competitive and rigorous review process.

The Research and Scholarship Committee awarded two research grants. The recipients were James M. Donovan for *Library Space as Intrinsic Facilitator of the Reading Experience: An Empirical Investigation* and Rachel Jorgensen for *The Career of Margaret Klingelsmith, Librarian*. The committee also conducted a survey of membership interest in scholarly projects, obstacles to scholarly work, and support for scholarship. The results of this survey will be published in an upcoming column for AALL Spectrum and will be used to further future work of this committee.

The ALL-SIS Statistics Committee provided a substantive evaluation of the ALLSTAR Benchmarking product. Upon receipt of a comprehensive report and analysis of the product which analysis included an evaluation of the value to an academic library, the Executive Board considered a motion to approve an endorsement of this product. The motion was approved.

A complete text of the committee reports is located in Volume 37, Issue 4 of the ALL-SIS newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline L. Osborne
Chair, 2017-2018