2013 CS Committee Reports

Adaptive Technologies Committee

Chair: Ryan Overdorf

The CS-SIS Adaptive Technologies Committee undertook a reorganization and update of the Committee wiki pages. This project is ongoing.

Recruitment & Involvement Committee

Chair: Jean L. Willis

The CS-SIS Recruitment and Involvement Committee members were appointed this year by CS-SIS Chair, Jason Eiseman.   Chair Eiseman asked Jean Willis to Chair the Committee. Committee members include Jessica de Perio Wittman, Carol Watson, Liz Johnson and Elizabeth Outler. Chair Eiseman requested that the Committee continue to explore avenues of outreach to CS-SIS membership to encourage involvement, as well as sending an email to all new AALL members to introduce them to the CS-SIS and encourage them to join.

In regard to the latter, Committee members continued using the email template developed last year to send to all new AALL members, as announced in the AALL Board Chair's monthly newsletter. Jason sent emails to new members in August, 2012. The Committee collaborated on sending emails to all new AALL members throughout the rest of the year.

Board Chair, Jason Eiseman, and Jean Willis will represent the CS-SIS at this year's Conell Marketplace at the 2013 AALL Conference on Saturday July 13. Committee Chair, Jean Willis, ordered some CS-SIS give-away coffee stoppers with our logo; thanks to Cindy Bassett for the swag recommendation. Liz Johnson created the Ken Hirsch Memorial Award flyer for Debbie Ginsberg. Jessica de Perio Wittman created a hand-out for the Karaoke with Ken event, and Elizabeth Outler created a flyer listing CS-SIS sponsored events and/or activities where CS-SIS is participating at the conference. These were available for the CONELL Marketplace and the Activities Table in the Exhibit Hall, both of which Jean set up.

As Recruitment Chair, I regret that I didn't have time this year – due to obligations with NOCALL – to continue work on the CS-SIS FLICKr site or to update the CS-SIS brochure, which is very out of date right now. I recommend that the Committee continue work on these 2 projects next year.

Many thanks to CS-SIS Chair & 2013 AALL Emerging Leader, Jason Eiseman, and the rest of the CS-SIS Board for their support this year. And many thanks to the Recruitment and Involvement Committee members for their participation.

Grant and Awards Committee Annual Report

Chair: Monica Sharum

Members: Eric Young, Patricia and Monk; Roberta Woods

Grants

The CS-SIS committee is pleased to announce that Patrick Butler and Merri Hartse received grants to attend this year's AALL conference in the Experienced Librarian category and Kara Young received the grant in the Students and New Librarians category.

Awards

Ken Hirsh Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Debbie (Deborah) Ginsberg

Other Activities

 The Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee was appointed to the sub-committee of the AALL Awards and Grants Committee to review applications for the AALL Innovations in Technology Award.

Education Committee

Chair: Caroline Young, Rutgers Law School

This was another productive year for the Education Committee. We have arranged for the AALL 2013 CS-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting and speaker to be live streamed. Further, several people have indicated interest in blogging/tweeting at the various CS-SIS programs.
Thank you to the members of the Education Committee especially Eugene Hsue, Jane Larrington, Alex Berrio Matamoros, Jenniger Prilliman, and Suzanna Shatarevyan.

Report of the Communications Committee

Chair: Kincaid Brown

Status of Committee Work

Because the CS-SIS website is Tom Boone's baby and he maintained responsibility for its maintenance and content this year, the Committee's work was focused on the CS blog postings and promoting the Annual Meeting programming. We kept up with the monthly blog postings and are in the midst of the Annual Meeting promotion period.

Members

Ellen Augustiniak, Kincaid C. Brown, Anne Myers, Tawnya Plumb

Recommendations

Assuming that, once off the Executive Board, Tom will not want to continue his role of CS-SIS Webmaster, it would make sense for the incoming member-at-large, Elizabeth Farrell to get instruction from Tom concerning maintenance and security of the site to continue Tom's excellent work.

Report of the Emerging Technologies Subcommittee

Status of Committee Work

Cool Tools Café was approved by the Annual Meeting Program Committee and takes place this year in the B time-slot. We were able to get a 90-minute time slot again so that will allow attendees a fair amount of time to see a variety of the tools on display. I enlisted two of the younger Emerging Technology Subcommittee members (Patrick Butler and Ellen Qualey) to co-coordinate CTC this year with an eye to becoming the Emerging Technology chair / CTC proposer & coordinator next year (since I have been involved in Cool Tools for five of the last six years it makes sense to get some new blood in). Emerging Technology Subcommittee members are also responsible for some of the demos for the 2013 CTC. The committee members also wrote about emerging technology issues on the CS-SIS blog.

Members

Kincaid C. Brown, Patrick Butler, Sarah Glassmeyer, P. Alexandra Lee, Ellen Qualey, Jeffrey Sabol

Recommendations

Since Ellen is going to be on the Executive Board as the Secretary/Treasurer, it probably makes sense for Patrick to be the ET chair next year and the proposer of Cool Tools Café for the 2014 San Antonio meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair: Susan Boland

This year the CS-SIS Strategic Planning Committee consisted of Susan Boland, Deborah Ginsberg, and Caroline Young. The committee revised the strategic plan drafted last year by the Strategic Planning Committee made up of Susan Boland, Sheri Lewis, Janet McKinney, Simon Canick, Beth Given, Brent Johnson, and Katrina Miller. Due to changes in programming for the annual meeting, last year's strategic plan was placed on hold and not presented to members. Like other Special Interest Sections, CS-SIS is in a state a flux due to the changing environment

in law libraries and AALL. Foreseeing what plans might be needed 3 years out seemed less feasible in this environment. Therefore, the Strategic Planning Committee recommended planning for one fiscal year at a time. The revised plan suggests possible strategies and implementation methods for the objectives and goals.

Nominations Committee

Chair: Meg Kribble

Members

This year Meg Kribble chaired the Nominations Committee, and was joined on the committee by Members Jason Sowards and Jean Willis.

Activities

The Nominations Committee sought candidates to run for the Vice Chair/ Chair Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Junior Member-At-Large positions.
121 CS-SIS members voted in the election. The results are:

- Caroline Young (Rutgers University), Vice-chair/Chair-elect
- Ellen Qualey (University of Minnesota), Secretary/Treasurer
- Elizabeth Farrell (Florida State University), Junior Member-At-Large

Thanks to Jason and Jean for their excellent collaboration on the committee's work this year, and thanks to CS-SIS Secretary-Treasurer Cynthia Bassett for her assistance with coordinating the election details.

Recommendations

For the first time—at least in some years—the committee attempted to crowd source nominations through the listserv, blog, and social media in addition to coming up with names on our own. Although this led to only one self-nomination, it may be worth continuing to try in the future.

Program Planning Committee

Chair: Jason Eiseman

Members

This year Jason Eiseman chaired the Program Planning Committee, and was joined on the committee by Board Members Susanna Leers and Tom Boone.

Activities

Changes to the AALL program proposal and planning process made this a difficult year for

program planning. We decided to cancel the program planning meeting in Boston and have not scheduled one for Seattle. The new process means members do not have to submit proposals to SIS's for sponsorship. We did encourage members to submit proposals for review for general guidance and feedback. Some did send in their proposals but many did not. In December we received a list of the titles of all the programs that had been accepted for AALL.

We attempted to revive a rejected program for our one non-AMPC SIS program, but that program fell through because we could not agree to terms with the program coordinator. Finally, we worked with Ellen Augustiniak to coordinate a program on Responsive Web Design based on her blog post.

In addition to the Responsive Web Design program we scheduled a Pop-up Meeting. Cyndi Bassett coordinated the pop-up meeting. The session will consist of members brainstorming ways to solve technological projects and problems.

Finally, we booked a speaker for the breakfast meeting. This was something the SIS used to do. Because of the lack of 'sponsored' programs it seemed like a good idea to bring back. Our speaker is Lada Gorlenko, a User Experience specialist at Artefact group, a user design firm.

Recommendations
The SIS has no role or did not last year in program planning for AALL. We can offer support, we can send helpful tips and review presentations that are shared with us but there is no real incentive for members to do that. If we want to have a meeting where we generate ideas, that could be helpful for members but we would have no other role.

We do however have one program of our choice we can put on. So my recommendation is to get the best idea, or the idea the program planning committee likes and make that the one program. BUT the key would be to stop the proposer from submitting that program to AALL, because then we would have to scrounge for a new idea if it gets accepted. The Cool Tools should not be used as the one program because that program is so popular and unique AALL is almost guaranteed to accept it. And if they don't we could always make it the one program later.

The other option is for the program planning committee to basically have the responsibility of coordinating the one program. It appears that roundtable discussions and similar education-type meetings are acceptable to use as 'Meetings' and do not count as the one educational program. Continuing to book breakfast speakers may be a good way to have additional SIS educational content without going through the AALL constraints.