COMPUTING SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

ANNUAL MEETING

The Computing Services SIS (CS) proved productive at the AALL annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Our *Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee*, led by Caroline Young, sponsored three roundtables with themes on teaching law practice technology, artificial intelligence, and technology and culture. We also sponsored our much beloved Cool Tools Café, in which speakers highlighted nine different tech tools. The *Recruitment and Involvement Committee* created an interactive CS poster in the exhibit hall, marketed CS events, and provided stickers and popsockets as giveaways. Other CS activities at the annual meeting included representation at the CONELL marketplace, hosting of Alphabet Soup Dine Arounds (with OBS, RIPS, and TS), Karaoke with Ken, and our breakfast and business meeting held offsite at Busboys and Poets.

Approximately fifty CS members attended the breakfast and business meeting, sponsored by Gavelytics. During the meeting, members voted to amend bylaws to give the CS executive board the ability to host a virtual business meeting in lieu of an in-person business meeting. Members also voted in support of the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan proposed by the hard-working *Strategic Planning Committee*. We also honored Ken Hirsh, chair of this committee, for his career of service to CS and presented him with a gold karaoke microphone as a retirement gift. Other topics of conversation included the implementation of the new strategic plan, the progress made by and the challenges facing the *Adaptive Technologies* and *Job Description Database* committees, discussion of committee and Treasurer reports, and announcements of awards.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

CJ Pipins awarded Roger Skalbeck the 2019 Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award as chair of the *Grants & Awards Committee*. Although Roger was unable to receive the award in person, he provided a delightful video of thanks to share with members during the breakfast meeting.
The committee also awarded two annual meeting grants during the meeting:

- Experienced librarian grant: Mari Cheney
- New librarian grant: Kenton Brice

Earlier in the year, the committee implemented a new ABA TECHSHOW travel grant proposed by Darla Jackson as part of her vice-chair project. The inaugural winner of this grant was Monica Sharum.

Other Noteworthy Accomplishments Include:

- Targeted recruitment of CONELL participants by offering and awarding one-year complimentary CS memberships to those new members willing to serve on a committee
- New Cool Tools Café videos requested by the *Education Committee* and added to the CS YouTube channel
- An active CS *Blog* (managed by committee chair Debbie Ginsberg) with tech-related topics, Cool Tools Café posts, Member Spotlights, and much more
- Continued creation and care of succession planning documents with joint archives hosted on the CS Google Drive and in CS's executive board My Communities site.

OFFICERS

The 2018-2019 Executive Board included Chair: Tawnya Plumb, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Darla Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer: Jonathan Germann, Members-At-Large: Mari Cheney and Elizabeth Outler, and Immediate Past-Chair: Jessica de Perio Wittman.

The incoming 2019-2020 Executive Board includes Chair: Darla Jackson, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Amanda Watson, Secretary/Treasurer: Shay Elbaum, Members-At-Large: Elizabeth Outler and Eli Edwards, and Immediate Past-Chair: Tawnya Plumb.

Thanks to Eric Young, chair of the *Nominations Committee*, and his committee members for providing an excellent slate of candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Tawnya K. Plumb, CS Chair, 2018-2019