



COMPUTING SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

ANNUAL MEETING

The Computing Services SIS (CS) met after the AALL Virtual Annual Meeting on July 24, 2020. Our *Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee*, led by Caroline Young, had submitted a proposal for the Cool Tools programming; however, the program was not selected for inclusion in the AALL Virtual Annual Meeting. Other CS activities at the AALL Annual Meeting were to include a social to include recognition of our grant and award winners. Instead, award winners were recognized during the virtual CS-SIS Annual Meeting. Other activities that were able to be held as planned included representation at the CONELL marketplace and a virtual edition of Karaoke with Ken.

At the virtual CS-SIS Annual Meeting, consistent with the recommendation of the CS-SIS Task Force on Potential Rebranding, members voted to amend the bylaws to re-designate the Section as the Legal Innovation and Technology Special Interest Section (LIT-SIS) and to make similar changes to the mission of the section. The changes will be forwarded to AALL for review before becoming effective.

Proposed 2020 CS-SIS Bylaws Change

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this special interest section of the American Association of Law Libraries (hereinafter referred to as the "Association" or "AALL") shall be the **Legal Innovation and Technology Special Interest Section (formerly the Computing Services Special Interest Section and** (hereinafter referred to as the "Section"), abbreviated "**LIT-SIS**", ~~"CS-SIS" or "CS-SIS."~~

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The objects of the Section shall be:

1. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on ~~computing services~~**technology innovation** in law libraries, and to represent its members' interests and concerns within AALL;
2. To serve the professional development needs of law librarians interested in **the innovation and technology** ~~provision of computing services~~, whatever their job title or type of library;
3. To provide leadership in the adoption, evaluation, and use of technology in law libraries;
4. To provide **technology innovation** ~~real~~ advice and assistance to the Association in its educational programs and other activities; and
5. To promote relations with non-library ~~computing~~**technology** professionals serving our parent organizations.



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GRANTS AND AWARDS

CJ Pipins awarded John R. Beatty the Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award for 2020. John has contributed to the section in numerous ways. He is currently the Chair of the Job Descriptions Database Committee and has found a new home for the database. He has been an asset to the Section on a number of projects.

The second CS-SIS ABA TECHSHOW Travel Grant in the amount of \$850 was awarded to Robert Truman, Associate Dean and Director of the Paul L. Boley Law Library at Lewis & Clark Law School.

The section attempted to continue the tradition of awarding grants to help members attend this year's AALL Annual Meeting. Applications for the grants for the virtual meeting were sought, but no applications were received.

Other Noteworthy Accomplishments Include:

- CS-SIS Members organized and moderated programming in response to issues facing libraries during the pandemic. Amanda Watson moderated a program on Controlled Digital Lending and Tom Kaczorowsk moderated a program entitled Library Services Going Forward During COVID
- The Job Descriptions Database secured a web hosting platform at no cost to the SIS. CALI, which hosts the CS-SIS Blog, agreed to host the jobs description database on its Classcaster platform
- An active CS *Blog* (managed by Committee Chair Mari Cheney) with tech-related topics, Member Spotlights, and more

OFFICERS

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

The incoming 2020-2021 Executive Board includes Chair: Amanda Watson, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mari Cheney, Secretary/Treasurer: Shay Elbaum, Members-At-Large: Kenton Brice and Eli Edwards, and Immediate Past-Chair: Darla Jackson.

Thanks to Eric Young and his committee members for providing an excellent slate of candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Darla W. Jackson, CS Chair, 2019-2020