

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS 2006-07

The officers of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) for 2006-07 were Mary Rumsey, Chair; Jonathan Franklin, Vice Chair; Dennis Sears, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Burchfield and Mabel Shaw, Newsletter Editors; Carmen Valero, Copy Editor; and Heidi Kuehl, Webmaster. The officers were joined by a group of hard-working committee chairs. In spring 2007, with the help of the Nominations Committee (Mirela Roznovschi, chair, Victor Essien, and Duncan Alford), the FCIL-SIS elected Dennis Sears as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Marylin Raisch as Secretary/Treasurer.

The FCIL-SIS Ellen Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians was awarded this year to Cheng Zhen from Beijing, China. The grant was made possible by a \$500 contribution from FCIL-SIS and several generous donations from law librarians. Barbara Bean, chair, joined by committee members Mary Sexton and Thomas Kimbrough, comprised the Grant Committee. Ellen Schaffer and Mary Strouse continued to work diligently to make the grant possible.

Amy Burchfield resigned as newsletter editor after two years; she was succeeded by Mabel Shaw.

The Education Committee, under the leadership of Jonathan Franklin and Dennis Sears, prepared five successful programs on varied foreign and international topics. In addition to these programs, FCIL-SIS also offered an “Executive Committee Presents...” program, featuring a presentation by Cheng Zhen and Wei Luo on government and legal information in China, moderated by Sergio Stone. The programs, business meetings and presentations provided a wide array of educational opportunities for the membership.

To expand educational opportunities beyond the boundaries of the AALL annual meeting, Barbara Garavaglia agreed to chair an Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education. This committee will explore ways to create and deliver educational programs through alternative methods.

As the 2003-06 Strategic Plan expired, a new Strategic Plan Committee began drafting its successor. Committee members include Molly Brownfield, Victor Essien, Barbara Garavaglia, Carolyn McKelvey, Mary Rumsey (chair), and Dan Wade. This committee expects to complete its work by September 2007.

Mary Ramsey, Chair
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