

GD-SIS Annual Report, 2016-2017
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The Government Documents Special Interest Section was active in a number of areas this year. Officers for the year were Chair, Jenny Wondracek; Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Cate Kellett; Immediate Past Chair, Kate Irwin-Smiler; Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Kunkel; Member at Large, Charlotte Schneider. The Past-Chair began the process of updating the SIS handbook.

The Advocacy Committee monitored and reported on issues through the SIS newsletter and SIS community forum. Issues monitored included Federal funding for the Government Publishing Office, Library of Congress, and Institute of Museum and Library Services; public access to Congressional Research Service Reports; FDLP discard policies; and, Title 44 US Code changes.

The FDLP Advisory Committee had a slow year. Its goal will be to advise the SIS on ways in law librarians can participate in the FDLP and monitor issues in the FDLP, along with the Advocacy Committee. The two committees have already started working to define priorities. We anticipate this next year to be a revitalization year.

The Grants Committee awarded 6 grants: for the AALL Management Institute to Seth Quidachay-Swan; to the Federal Depository Library Council Meeting & Conference to Hayley Brunner (student) and Larry Meyer; and for the AALL Annual Meeting to Lacy Rakestraw and Gregory Wurzer. The Veronica Maclay Student Grant was awarded this year to Elizabeth Manriquez. (An additional Executive Board Grant funded Jenny Wondracek's travel to the Depository Library Council meeting and Conference in accordance with our bylaws; that does not go through the grants committee.)

The editors of Jurisdocs, Stacy Fowler and Michael Umberger, published three newsletter issues on the website this year, constituting Volume 37. The Nominations Committee ran a successful election; Stacy Fowler was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Shannon Roddy was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Programming for the Annual Meeting was very successful. Per the new AALL rules, the Program Committee decided to submit two proposals for consideration by the AMPC: *Law Libraries Collaborating to Steward National Legal Collections* and *The Serial Set: Documents of Champions (So You'd Better Eat Your Wheaties!)*. The former, which explores current and potential future partnerships between law libraries and other organizations to ensure the preservation and access to legal materials, was selected and presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.

The Public Relations Committee created a new poster for the GD-SIS poster board, even managing to display the SIS mascot, Addie the Eagle. The poster

also included informational handouts, copies of the state bibliographies, and giveaways. The SIS flyer has not been updated this year. The poster was staffed during Exhibit Hall breaks and the section had a table during the CONELL Marketplace as well.

The SIS publishing relationship with Hein remains strong. There is now a state bibliography for each state and the District of Columbia. Three updated bibliographies were released in 2016: Colorado, Maryland, and Montana. In the works for 2017 are updates for: Delaware, Maine, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, with ten more in the pipeline.

Current Chair of DLC, Karen Russ, Joined us as our Annual Meeting VIP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Wondracek
Immediate Past Chair