LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

SIS ACTIVITIES

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Charles McClure speak on NREN and the future of libraries. He is on sabbatical in Washington, D.C., actively working to keep libraries in the proposed NREN legislation. He talked extensively about the need for librarians to be involved and to make the challenges of electronic information and networking our opportunities for the future. It is important for the SIS to also look at our challenges and work together to enhance our activities.

In the past few months, members of the SIS have been very busy on a variety of activities. Our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Veronica Maclay, has been making plans for the SIS table in the exhibit hall in Boston and is revising the SIS brochure. The Government Relations Committee is working on a directory of email addresses of SIS members to make communication among the SIS membership easier. [If you haven't returned your form to Marianne Mason yet, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to have the directory available at the convention.] Volunteers are preparing state bibliographies for Rhode Island, South Carolina, Hawaii and Alabama. The Nominations Committee (David McFadden, Chair; Jane Colwin and Dorie Bertram) have provided a list of candidates and ballots have been mailed. Thanks to everyone for their work for the SIS.

Over the next few months, we need to review our long-range plans for the SIS. In this issue, I have included a copy of the mid-year report which I sent to Headquarters in February. I believe that there are activities which the SIS can undertake which will be beneficial to our membership and to the Association as a whole. Please read through my report and pass me your comments.

We are now in the home stretch for the convention in Boston. We would like to have our committees in place before July so we can more effectively work on programming and committee project ideas at the convention. Please indicate your interest in committee work on the form included in this issue; the forms are to be forwarded to Veronica Maclay.

If you have suggestions for changes in by-laws, long-range plans, projects, committees, etc., please contact me as soon as possible so we can get your ideas into the next JURISDOCS (which is to be published in June). Thanks.

THREE GRANTS AWARDED

Three grants of $500.00 each were awarded to SIS members during 1992/93. These grants are awarded to support attendance at programs related to government documents. The following members received awards:

Marianne Mason
Sushila Selness
Kirk Gregory

Look for their reports on the meetings they attended in the next newsletter.

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JURISDOCS EDITOR NEEDED

After several years of service to the SIS as JURISDOCS editor, David Batista has indicated that he needs to relinquish his position. David has spent many hours putting the text of articles into proper form, providing us with a clean, crisp newsletter. Thank you, David, for your willingness to volunteer your time and expertise.

The editor receives copy from the SIS chair, from SIS committee chairs, from members who have prepared articles or bibliographies, and from members and officers who are reporting on documents programs and meetings. The editor then determines the placement of the various pieces and prepares a final version of the newsletter suitable for photocopying. The newsletter is passed to Emily Carr at George Mason University, who has volunteered to reproduce and distribute JURISDOCS.

If you are interested in serving as JURISDOCS editor, please contact Veronica Maclay as soon as possible. David is willing to continue as editor through the next issue, but we will need a volunteer to begin with the Fall 1993 issue.

SHEILA McGARR TO ATTEND SUNDAY, JULY 11, GD-SIS BUSINESS MEETING

The Sunday business meeting for the Government Documents SIS (July 11 from 3-4:40 pm) will include a panel to discuss documents concerns. Sheila McGarr, Chief, Depository Services at GPO will attend and is prepared to address concerns of access to depository collections, electronic access to government information and the impact of budget cuts on depository libraries. She is also willing to address other issues of interest to the membership. Other members of the panel have not yet been determined.

The SIS will hold a second business meeting on Tuesday evening. Please watch for the June issue of JURISDOCS for more details.

ALA GODORT AGENCY LIAISON PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS SOLICITED

GODORT Federal Documents Task Force has created an Agency Liaison Program "to establish a closer working relationship between the librarians in federal depository libraries and various government agencies... Each member of this program acts as GODORT's liaison to one Federal agency." The liaison is given an agency, researches the agency extensively, locates "targets" at the agency and maintains communication with the agency concerning documents and other information of value to libraries and patrons.

This program can benefit all of our collections. By making agencies aware of the need for the information which they produce, we will help our patrons. An organized effort in this direction (and the relaying of responses to ALA and to our own membership through JURISDOCS) will help all of us to deal more effectively with our documents collections.

The members of the Government Documents SIS can be involved in this program by volunteering to serve as liaison for an agency. Marsha Baum has a copy of the guidelines for the ALA program which include instructions for agency contact. It would be great to be able to work with ALA on this project, an area which directly affects all of us. Please volunteer.
If you are interested in working as a liaison, contact Marsha Baum, University of South Carolina Law School Library, Main and Greene Streets, Columbia, SC 29208; (803) 777-5944; Internet: n380029@univscvm.csd.sc.carolina.edu; Bitnet: n380029@univscvm.

THANKS TO OUR TWO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Two more SIS members have volunteered to serve on our committees for 1992/93: Charlene Cain, Program Committee; Steve Lambson, Government Relations Committee.

CONELL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SIS REPRESENTATIVES
Donna Purvis, Co-Chair of CONELL in Boston, has requested a volunteer from the Government Documents SIS to participate in a "browsing" session during CONELL on Saturday, July 10th. While a firm time is not yet available, the session is planned for the morning and is designed not to conflict with other SIS leadership activities taking place on Saturday. If you are very knowledgeable about the GD SIS and would be willing to sit at a designated table for an hour to answer questions or to provide information to new AALL members, please contact Marsha Baum (803)777-5944 as soon as possible. Thanks.

FROM THE EDITOR

THIS ISSUE
This is the second issue of the 92-93 school year. We have articles about the Depository Council meeting and the Government Documents Mentor Program, a call for more volunteers, as well as the GD/SIS report to AALL Headquarters.

SUBMISSIONS FORMAT
As I have mentioned in each issue, I would like to receive your writings on a disk, if possible (this saves me a great deal of time). I can process 5.25 and 3.5 inch disks, in either Macintosh or DOS format, and in any density. If you send a DOS disk please save your file(s) in either Word Perfect (my 1st choice) or as generic ASCII text (the form of last resort). If you send a Macintosh disk please save your file(s) in McWrite, McWrite II, Word, or text.

There has been a problem with the 3.5 inch DOS disks that are not HD but are formatted with the default HD format command. Such disks can only be read by the PC's that format them. The two best solutions are to 1) send a 3.5 inch HD DOS disk if you format the disk with the default format settings, or 2) format with the special DD (double density) format command if you are sending a 3.5" DOS DD disk.

NEW JURISDOCS EDITOR WANTED: LONG HOURS, NO PAY
I am looking for someone to replace me as editor for JURISDOCS. If anyone is interested please call, write, or E-mail and I will be happy to discuss the position.

Access to an Apple Macintosh and a laserprinter would be the preferable setup (a copy of PageMaker v.4.01, original disks and manuals, and all of my back issues on Mac disks). The lucky winner will also inherit the growing pile of SIS and chapter newsletters that all of the AALL editors receive, as well as assorted back issues of JURISDOCS.

Some of the more powerful DOS machines can perform the work necessary to prepare the camera ready copy. I am sure the GD/SIS would purchase a DOS copy of PageMaker if the next editor was a DOS user.

If nobody volunteers before Boston be prepared for some serious arm twisting at the Annual Meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spring, 1993
Despite my best efforts, there were no LETTERS TO THE EDITOR for this issue. You can't win, if you don't enter ! ! Come on, send 'em in!
Restructuring of Depository Library Program Topic

Submitted by Susan E. Tulis
University of Virginia
Law School Library

Fall Depository Library Council Meeting

1992 Depository library Council meeting was held Oct 19-20, 1992 in Room LM-407 of the Library of Congress Madison Building. Monday morning was an informal preparatory session for Council and there were updates from Superintendent of Documents Wayne Kelley and Judy Russell, Director, Library Programs Service. Mr. Kelley talked about the various staff changes that have taken place in LPS and Sales. He has asked a dozen mid-level managers to take on new assignments and asked them to take a fresh and inquisitive eye to their areas of new responsibilities to look for ways to improve their performance. The ultimate goal is to implement change to improve GPO's performance and to create an organization that will serve the needs of the American public in the coming years. Judy Russell then reviewed the various staff changes within LPS and what is to be expected as a result of these changes. A comment was made that the community is concerned about these changes. Mr. Kelley said that if these changes resulted in operational problems to please let him know. Judy also gave an update on the tactical plans for implementing GPO 2001. Tentative drafts are due to the Public Printer by October 30, 1992. The two plans that fall under Mr. Kelley's supervision are: looking at new electronic and print on demand products and services to satisfy customer agency needs and public desires, and development and implementation of electronic capabilities to serve depository libraries. Judy outlined the key points going into their tactical plans (it will probably be one combined plan), and shared some of the critical events they see happening as a result of the plan. Lastly, Judy gave an update on GPO's budget situation. GPO did a needs based budget this year, rather than figuring out how to make do with what is appropriated. They came up with $32.5 million requirement and an appropriation of $29 million. It is assumed that since printing and binding is the largest portion of GPO's costs that substantive cuts will have to go there. GPO is looking at a number of alternatives for dealing with the budget shortfall - nothing has been finalized at this point.

The formal session began Monday afternoon with opening remarks by Public Printer Robert Houk. He, too, talked about GPO's budget situation. He also mentioned that the appropriations conference report requires the Superintendent of Documents to conduct a study on the feasibility of disseminating information in electronic formats. In doing so, they are to utilize the assistance of the Community College Distant Learning Center in Owensboro, KY. Despite the fact that the WINDO/Gateway bill didn't pass, GPO is moving ahead in an electronic direction. It is not clear that the program structure established 30 years ago is the best possible way to accommodate electronic technology. Which is why Council is looking at restructuring.

Questions

The purpose of the questions discussed is to transform the Depository Library Program (DLP) into an institution that continues to meet its mission in an era of drastically changing technology, limited funding, and increased public need.

Question #1 dealt with whether there should be a DLP in the electronic age. If so, how could the program be restructured to fit the realities of the current GPO budget?

Council never came right out and answered this question. Instead it was assumed
that there should be a program and Council outlined the goals of such a program. Council later on outlined the assumptions it had concerning a restructured program. Assumptions included such things as: information world will be a combination of electronic and print for the foreseeable future; will be a need for information professionals; technology will be there to support the program; user expectations will change and increase; points of delivery will become more diverse; need to continue/further leverage our resources through cooperative ventures; connectivity to INTERNET/NREN will be available to all libraries; federal/state/local investments in new development will be made over next 5-10 years; information policy environment is uncertain, conflicting and will probably continue; telecommunications issues will also remain uncertain and will be resolved on a much larger scale; there is a need to restructure the DLP; some depository libraries will be partners in change, some will not; and DLP has value.

Question #2 dealt with the goals and objective of the DLP. Are these goals consistent with the member institutions? Are the depository libraries also meeting their responsibility to serve the public?

In looking at the 3 major goals of the program as stated in Title 44, Council came up with more questions than answers. For example: Do Congressional districts provide the best framework for distributing information to the public? What do depository libraries really want to receive? Can libraries adequately service what they are now receiving? Does “free” mean without charge or expense to the user? Does “government publication” include electronic data and text?

Question #3 dealt with Federal agency dissemination needs and how they are being met through the current DLP. Could they be better served?

In a survey conducted by John Weiner, he found some agencies are not aware of the DLP; some use it to fulfill their agency responsibilities. Biggest problem is lack of communication between the agencies and the depository libraries. Agencies don’t know if library has selected and received their publications. Librarians could also assist agencies in determining users needs.

Question #4 addressed the criteria to measure the effectiveness of the existing DLP, as well as the implications of maintaining the status quo.

Council talked about various methodologies that could be used to obtain such information. Discussion moved into the need for an evaluation of the users of government information. Two surveys are being done of certain segments of the community, and Council has the opportunity to have 2-3 questions included in each.

Question #5 talked about some of the proposed alternative models for the DLP, identifying ideal characteristics of these structures and what criteria could be used for their analysis.

Before talking about the alternative models, Council reviewed the problems with the current system so as to know why it was even talking about restructuring. Some of the ideal characteristics of a system were outlined, followed by a discussion of three possible alternative structures - national collection, super-regionals, and electronic depositories. Lastly, criteria for analysis of a new structure were laid out.

FOLLOW-UP SESSION

In its follow-up session, Council created a Communications Subcommittee to assist GPO in coming up with a process for communicating to depository libraries better. There was a discussion of using focus groups to address some of questions/problems raised.
GD/SIS REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS
February 15, 1993

Carolyn P. Ahearn, Chair
Long Range Planning Committee
American Association of Law Libraries

Dear Ms. Ahearn:

Enclosed is the Government Documents SIS mid-year report on activities related to the Long Range Plan and the AALL Operating Plan. You will notice that I have included information and activities of the SIS under goals which have not been specifically identified with the Government Documents SIS (i.e., I.C.1., II.A.8., II.C., III.A.4., IV.B.6., V.A., V.B.2., and V.B.3.). I believe that the steps I have outlined under these strategies can be of benefit to the Association and have included them.

I would like to direct the Long Range Planning Committee members' attention specifically to one strategy, III.A.4., which shows an omission of a basic library school course, "Government Publications". The members of the Government Documents SIS would be able to provide some legal research examples which come from their own experiences.

Thank you for your attention to this document. Please contact me if I can provide further clarification.

Sincerely,
Marsha L. Baum

CHAIR, GD/SIS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES MID-YEAR REPORT/EVALUATION FORM
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Marsha Baum, Chair
Government Documents SIS

other possible occasions.

The Government Documents SIS will provide two meeting opportunities in Boston for AALL members concerned about documents issues and policy on access to government information. At both meetings, discussion of issues by all in attendance is encouraged and active participation by new members is sought.

The Government Documents SIS appointed interested members to three formal committees during 1992/93: the Government Relations Committee, the Program Committee, and the Newsletter Committee.

I.C.3. Create expanded educational programming through cosponsorship with other organizations and expanded opportunities for reciprocal member/non-member registration.

a. Offer one program cosponsored with a related organization.

The Government Documents SIS is co-sponsoring a workshop on patent research which is being supported by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program Office through staff participation and expense sharing. This will foster relations with PTDL institutions across the country. Mailings on the program may encourage attendance by non-AALL members.

The Government Documents SIS plans to present a panel at one of the business meetings in Boston which will include representation from GPO. While not cosponsorship, per se, this meeting could be of interest to non-AALL member government document librarians.

II.A.4. Continue to monitor development of new commercial products.

The Government Documents SIS members note new titles and tools in lists and articles in JURISDOCS, the SIS newsletter.

The Government Documents SIS, especially the Government Relations Committee of the SIS, will provide new information about development of electronic information sources by NTIS (not commercial, but non-depository) and other non-depository sources of access to government information in JURISDOCS.

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Strategies for which group has responsibility and list of achievements:

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and influence decisions about their continued availability as public documents.

The Government Documents SIS is monitoring carefully the activities at GPO and the plans for cancellation of distribution of various titles in paper.

The SIS Government Relations Committee chair prepared a letter to GPO and sent it to President Mark Estes as the statement of concerns from the SIS.

Articles in JURISDOCS inform members of the activities at GPO and changes which affect availability of materials and information.

The SIS is developing a directory of e-mail addresses for SIS members which can be used to quickly inform members of GPO activities and policy changes and seek membership responses.

The SIS is working to develop a relationship with ALA GODORT Adopt-an-Agency program, to identify fugitive documents and to relay information about information needs to the adopted agency.

The SIS is participating with AALL’s Government Relations Committee on the State Monitoring Project.

II.A.7. Identify those government publications of interest to the legal community that are appropriate for electronic and other non-paper formats and communicate their titles to appropriate government agencies.

Columns and articles in JURISDOCS seek to provide information on titles of interest. A volunteer to write a column providing information from GOVDOC-L is being sought.

The SIS Government Relations Committee chair prepared a letter expressing concern about changes in formats and availability of depository materials which was sent to President Mark Estes as a statement of the SIS.

II.A.8. Assist non-law librarians in developing and using basic legal collections.

The Government Documents SIS Executive Committee will raise this objective with membership to determine activities/publications which can be developed by the SIS to assist non-law library government documents librarians in the use of the primary legal and law-related materials in their documents collections.

II.B.1. Continue to participate in formulating and disseminating national standards for shared bibliographic data.

The members of the SIS will continue to monitor information concerning documents cataloging and commercial sources of bibliographic data for documents.

II.B.1. Continue to participate in groups that facilitate networking and cooperation.

The Government Documents SIS is working to develop a relationship with ALA GODORT’s Adopt-an-Agency program.

The Government Documents SIS continues to participate in the State Monitoring Project, begun in cooperation with the AALL Government Relations Committee.

The Government Documents SIS will communicate with the Contemporary Social Problems SIS on the issue of charging fees for government information, which was raised at the CSP SIS Business Meeting in 1992, to determine joint concerns.

The Government Documents SIS will seek formal liaison activities with the AALL Government Relations Committee.

II.C. Play a role in the preservation of legal information.

The Government Documents SIS will continue to monitor the activities of the Federal government regarding the preservation of electronic government information.

Articles in JURISDOCS will address the questions of the relationship of the National Archives and electronic information of government agencies.

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The Government Documents SIS will provide SIS brochures for members to distribute at documents meetings they attend.

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V.A. Maintain an effective government relations program.

The Government Documents SIS will continue to provide information to the Government Relations Committee and the Executive Board of AALL about documents concerns affecting law libraries.

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The Government Documents SIS is developing a directory of e-mail addresses for SIS members which can be used to quickly inform members of GPO activities and policy changes and of concerns on government information policies and access (both federal and state) and to seek membership responses and action.

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FUTURE PLANS:

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BOOK REVIEW

Submitted by
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University of South Carolina Law Library


In the 1970's, the federal government's information stream widened and deepened as federal policy moved toward greater public accessibility. In the 1980's, as federal policy changed, the information stream began to dry up. Over the same period, the nature of the information stream also changed, as the nature of accessible governmental information changed. Now, the information stream may be getting bigger again; it is certainly the case that parts of the stream are moving faster and faster as more and more information is made rapidly available in electronic form. In other parts of the stream, however, agency resistance to FOIA requests, direct and indirect charges, and the loading of government information directly on commercial vendor databases has significantly restricted the availability of information.

Changes such as these have made it more and more difficult for government document and other librarians to collect and locate government information. A source that can help lead one to such information can be invaluable. One source I used as a starting point for finding federal information with which I was unfamiliar, even after it became seriously outdated, was the third edition of Joe Morehead's *Introduction to United States Public Documents*, and I am happy to report that the fourth edition of the book by Joe Morehead and Mary Fetzer, published late last year, contains an updated, rearranged, and greatly expanded text that is even better for finding federal information than was the third edition. The changed title, *Introduction to United States Government Information Sources*, recognizes the shift in emphasis from documents to access to information that has resulted from computerization. The authors have substantially expanded the material on presidential, administrative and independent agencies and the index also appears more comprehensive than that of the third edition. I expect to use the book frequently.

As the authors note in their introduction, however, government information sources are in flux; privatization, budgetary cuts, and technological developments made revisions in the book difficult. Nonetheless, while I was unsurprised to find no mention of SEC plans to make its EDGAR system available only through LEXIS, since this is a policy issue still being fought, I was concerned to find no mention of the fact that documents from the Small Business Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals Decisions have been available only on WESTLAW for several years. Since a problem for librarians who work sporadically with government documents is figuring out where one can obtain the information a patron wants, it is important information that a growing number of government publications are made available to the public only through commercial vendors.

A bigger problem for users of the book is one that Morehead and Fetzer could not
MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

The GD/SIS is soliciting experienced or senior members to participate in a mentor program. The Committee will match each seasoned member (mentor) with a newcomer (mentee). If you are interested in participating in this program, please provide the following information:
I am interested in becoming a: Mentor____ Mentee____ PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!

Name __________________________________________

Job Title ________________________________________________

Institution ___________________________ Phone__________

Address ________________________________________________

City, State, Zip __________________________________________

Type of library I work in: Academic___; Court___; Firm___; Other____________________

My primary responsibility is: Gov. Docs.__; Tech. Ser.__; Ref.__; Other__________________

To Mentees: If you have a preference for being matched by type of library, area of responsibility, geographic area, or any other method, please indicate:______________________________

If you would like to serve on the Membership Committee and help match members, please check here ___.

Please return by June 1, 1993 to: Veronica Maclay, Hastings College of the Law Library, 200 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 565-4774

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SIS COMMITTEES FOR 1993/94

Government Relations: Help keep the members of the SIS informed of changes in governmental information policy.

Newsletter: Provide input on the contents and organization of JURISDOCS; assist the editor and help solicit contributions for each issue.

Program: Assist the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect with planning programs for the Seattle Annual Meeting; suggest ideas for new programs.

Grants: Receive and review grant applications; award grants within dollar limits set for current year.

Nominating: Prepare a list of candidates, prepare, mail and count ballots, and announce election results according to SIS bylaws.

Please complete and return this form by June 1st. Committees are to be in place before the Boston meeting.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!

NAME: __________________________________________________

COMMITTEE(s): ____________________________

LIBRARY: ____________________________________________

TELEPHONE NO.:(____)_____________ E-MAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________

Please return to: Veronica Maclay, University of California, Hastings College of Law Legal Information Center, 200 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102 (E-Mail: 70740.3723@Compuserve.com)
GD/SIS NETWORK

The Government Relations Committee for the GD/SISs trying to establish a network to distribute information rapidly among members of the GD/SIS. Input, reaction, and response to the infamous GPO survey this past fall is an excellent example of the information that could be dispersed through this network. Below is a form to be filled out if you would like to be included in the network, help create it, or are willing to help in the network's operation.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE!

NAME ____________________________________________

TITLE ____________________________________________

LIBRARY __________________________________________

ADDRESS _________________________________________

PHONE _______________________________ FAX _________________________

E-MAIL ___________________________________________

____ Yes, I am interested in being included in the network.

____ Yes, I would like to help set up the network.

____ Yes, I would like to help with the operation of the network after it is set up.

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have foreseen, the incredible user-propelled growth of the Internet during 1992 and 1993. During the past year, law schools around the United States have begun loading full-text documents which can be downloaded to individuals' PC's either through that mysterious process known as anonymous file transfer protocol (ftp) or through the menu-driven gopher system. Full-text documents from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA ONLINE) and other agencies, presidential briefings loaded by the White House, and the text of various international conventions such as the North American Free Trade Agreement are just a sample of the types of information now available on the Internet. In the last six months many government documents that were otherwise very difficult to obtain have been loaded at a site on the Internet and made available to anyone with access to the Internet. Veronica, the recently-developed search mechanism for gopher, makes looking for particular documents on the Internet much easier than it was last year.

Because some academic institutions and some commercial on-line services now give non-academic users access to the parts of the Internet where information is stored, Internet use is no longer limited to academicians and researchers. The presence of these new users should begin to result in financial repercussions for commercial vendors of on-line information, especially as more information is loaded at various sites. All of these issues will undoubtedly be addressed in the fifth edition of Introduction to United States Government Information Sources. Let us hope, since the text is, overall, extremely useful, that the next edition (or even a supplement) will appear before 2001.