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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

The AALL Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! To help with your planning, this issue includes a listing of GD-SIS Programs and Meetings along with two articles covering San Antonio. Time also remains to nominate a GD-SIS VIP for the upcoming Meeting. Please contact Cecily Giardina at chg3@psu.edu if you are interested in proposing a GD-SIS VIP.

Would you like to volunteer for the GD-SIS? Eric Parker, Publications Committee Chair, is looking for volunteers to contribute to the State Bibliographies Series. Further information about this opportunity is also included in this issue.

Do you have information to share with JURISDOCS readers? Please consider contributing to future editions of JURISDOCS. Submissions can be forwarded directly to me at etg2@camden.rutgers.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Eric T. Gilson

**GD-SIS PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULED
FOR THE 2005 AALL ANNUAL MEETING***

Saturday, July 16, 2005

Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies for Success

8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon-Marriott Riverwalk Salon C

Sponsored by the Government Relations Committee and the Washington Affairs Office

Registration deadline: June 15, 2005

To register, email Mary Alice Baish

Fugitive Documents Subcommittee

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Sunday, July 17, 2005

C-2: Finding Government Documents Today

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Coordinator, Moderator and Speaker:

Peggy Roebuck Jarrett, University of Washington, Gallagher Law Library

Speaker:

Cheryl Rae Nyberg, University of Washington, Gallagher Law Library

Monday, July 18, 2005

GD-SIS Business Meeting

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

GD-SIS GPO Update

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

E-1: A Town Meeting with Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell: GPO's Strategic Plan for the 21st Century and New Partnerships with Law Libraries

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Coordinator and Moderator:

Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative

Speaker:

Judith C. Russell, U.S. Government Printing Office

* Obtained from the AALL Annual Meeting Web Page, <http://www.aallnet.org/events/>

GD-SIS Focus Group on the FDLP
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

GD-SIS Breakfast
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

F-3: Preserving State Government Information in an Electronic Age: Providing for Permanent Public Access to Electronic Government Publications

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Coordinator and Speaker:

A. Hays Butler, Rutgers University Law School Library

Speakers:

Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative

Susan Lyons, Rutgers University Law School Library

Judith Meadows, State Law Library of Montana

GD-SIS Roundtable: Cataloging GPO Electronic Monographs

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

I-1: Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Coordinator and Moderator:

A. Hays Butler, Rutgers University Law School Library

Speakers:

Mary Alice Baish, AALL Associate Washington Affairs Representative

Robert L. Oakley, Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library

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Going to San Antonio? You Need the Local Advisory Committee Site

By Paula E. Howe

A visit to the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) web page can simplify and enliven your trip to San Antonio for this year's Conference. The page contains "Essential" information plus tips on how to "Enjoy San Antonio." Either go directly to the LAC page or click your way there from AALL's homepage (start at www.aallnet.org, click on Annual Meeting, General Information, Local Advisory Committee Page).

Under "Essentials" are photos of the Conference hotels, a guide to booking a room, and options for transportation from the airport to your hotel. "Enjoy San Antonio" contains guides written by LAC Committee members to help you pack the most fun into your visit. These guides include nightlife, shopping, live music, museums and galleries, bookstores, music stores, libraries, LGBT, fun for families and kids, internet access, excursions, outdoor activities, fitness centers and spas, and places of worship. The guides are available in printer friendly versions so that you can easily bring the ones you want with you.

The LAC page also contains volunteer forms so you can assist the various committees (don't forget that volunteers get perks), a link to the Dine Arounds, a list of the Local Advisory Committee members in case you need to contact one of them, and the Conference registration form.

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My 10 Favorite Things About Texas

By Mary Forman, Semi-Native

My great-great-great uncle, Thomas Jefferson Chambers, came to Texas in the 1820s (<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/CC/fch8.html>). Chambers County in east Texas is named after him. I, however, am a relative newcomer. Although I've only lived in Texas for 10 years, I have compiled quite a list of things I love about Texas. Here are 10 of them focused almost exclusively on San Antonio - 10 reasons for you to come to AALL in July - and to come back and visit again. As Texas singer/songwriter Gary P. Nunn (famous for the Austin City Limits theme song - London Homesick Blues aka Home with the Armadillo) would say, "You ask me what I like about Texas.... Well, I could tell

you, but we'd be here all night long."

So I've limited it to 10....

10. Patio dining - Eating outside - good Mexican food - a cold beverage -well, it's a favorite pastime of many. When it's hot, you sit under an umbrella. When it's cold they fire up the heaters. We eat outside all year long.

9. Boat cruise on the San Antonio River. Yep, even the locals ride it! It's great fun and you always learn something new.

8. Gruene, Texas, (<http://www.touringtexas.com/gruene/>) and the Guadalupe River. Great shopping (and I don't even like shopping!), lunch at the Gristmill Restaurant, and a stop at Gruene Hall (Texas' oldest dance hall) to listen to whoever's playing, or tubing down the Guadalupe River, taking out at Gruene and then doing the above. Old or young, it's a fun way to spend the day! <http://www.touringtexas.com/gruene/>

7. Walking through the King William District and having breakfast (<http://www.accd.edu/sac/english/mcquien/htmlfiles/kingwill.htm>) (preferably on the patio) at the Guenther House (<http://www.guentherhouse.com/>).

6. Music, music, music. Country, symphony, you name it, we've got it - and I love it all.

5. Steak Night in (<http://www.steaknite.com/>) Waring, Texas. Wednesday night is steak night at the country store in Waring, Texas. Come back sometime and experience it!

4. The Majestic (<http://www.majesticempire.com/>) Theatre. Arguably the most beautiful theatre in Texas (maybe the world?).

3. Visiting any Texas (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/>) State Park. Three of my nearby favorites include Garner, Lost Maples, and Enchanted Rock.

2. Wildflowers (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/wildflower/>). They start in March with bluebonnets, but they continue on throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Lady Bird

Johnson was on to something....

1. The people (<http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/public/>). They come in all shapes, sizes, colors, cultures, and personal beliefs, but despite their differences, there is something that draws them together - something my buddy, Gary P. Nunn, calls "the spirit of the people who share this land."

Welcome to Texas!

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REQUEST FOR STATE BIBLIOGRAPHY VOLUNTEERS

I have so far received several commitments from people to compile new bibliographies that are part of the Section's state bibliographies series. So far, I have firm commitments or at least strong interest for the following states: California (not updated since 1991), Florida (has never had a bibliography in the series), Georgia (not updated since 1991), Iowa (not updated since 1990), Massachusetts (not updated since 1985), Michigan (not updated since 1982), Ohio (not updated since 1986), South Carolina (has never had a bibliography in the series), and West Virginia (not updated since 1990).

While I would not expect to see all of these this year (updating them can be a challenge, to say the least), I am hopeful that several will be done in time for the 2005 annual meeting, and available for sale.

If you do not see your state listed here, and wish to update an existing bibliography or compile a new one, please feel free to contact me (ecp278@law.northwestern.edu). Many bibliographies have not been updated since the late 1980s or early 1990s, so an update would be very welcome. A listing of the bibliographies is available on the GD-SIS web site, at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/stateb.html>.

For these bibliographies, any revenues received beyond the costs of duplication, mailing, and supplies help to fund Section activities, such as student and member grants.

Thank you,
Eric Parker
Publications Committee Chair

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VERONICA MACLAY STUDENT GRANT

Congratulations to Pegeen Mulhern on receiving the 2005 Veronica Maclay Student Grant (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/maclaygrant2005announcement.html>). Ms. Mulhern is currently an MLIS student at the University of Washington Information School. Included below is also an article from previous recipient Erin Haggerty discussing the Grant and her AALL Annual Meeting experience.

The Veronica Maclay Government Documents Grant: A Passport to Professional Development For New Librarians

By: Erin Haggerty

The theme of the 97th AALL Annual Meeting was “Boston Mumbai: The World of Legal Information.” As a participant, I became a globe trekker in the world of legal information. My passport to this world was the Veronica Maclay Government Documents Student Travel Grant. Veronica Maclay was a government documents librarian who was an enthusiastic advocate for the dissemination of government information through the FDLP. She loved her job, and she wanted to promote the profession to new librarians. Each year, the Veronica Maclay student travel grant gives \$500 to a library science student who has demonstrated an interest in government documents. The grant recipient travels to AALL, attends lectures on current issues in law libraries, interviews for jobs, and networks with new and veteran law librarians.

At this year’s meeting, I attended lectures focusing on current issues in government documents. I learned about the important players involved in facilitating access to government information. Lecture subjects included the GPO strategic Planning Process, and the University of Arizona’s Government Printing Office Electronic Library Pilot Project.

For information on the future of government documents, I attended the government documents SIS business meeting. The SIS meetings provide important information about new developments, and areas for advocacy and growth in government documents. Because global issues are of critical concern to libraries, this year’s conference offered a variety of lectures focusing on international topics. Such information is useful for government documents librarians interested in understanding global issues that have an impact on the national legislative process and the resulting documents.

Working in a library is the ultimate goal for library science students, so the conference provided professional development opportunities including a career placement service, where librarians interviewed for jobs and talked with employers about professional opportunities involving government documents in academic and federal libraries.

Technology offers new avenues for librarians to conduct research using government documents. To keep new librarians informed about these innovations, the exhibit hall vendors presented a full range of new products and tutorials.

I encourage library science students to explore further the area of government documents and to apply for the Veronica Maclay grant to attend the conference next year. It can be your passport to professional development as a new librarian.

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**MINUTES OF THE GD-SIS BUSINESS MEETING
Monday, July, 12, 2004 AALL Annual Meeting, Boston (Colleen C. Manning)**

Present: Chris Anglim (Chair), Chris Bloodworth, A. Hays Butler, Georgia Chadwick, Joel Fishman, Kevin Fredette (Publications Chair), Cecily Giardina (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect), Eric Gilson, Janice Greer, Peggy Jarrett, Scott Matheson (Fugitive Documents Committee Co-Coordinator), Colleen Manning (Secretary/Treasurer), Kevin McClure, Larry Meyer, Eric Parker, Michele Pope, Michael Roffer, and Kathleen Wilko.

I. President Report: Chris Anglim:

The President thanked LexisNexis for their support of the SIS conference events. The President also wished the SIS a happy 30th Anniversary.

II. The minutes of the 2003 business meeting, distributed in the Fall/Winter 2003-04 issue of Jurisdocs (<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/jurisdocs2601.pdf>) were approved, with the correction in part III that "Fall Student Grant" should be "Fall Member Grant."

III. Treasurer's Report: Colleen Manning:

The Treasurer reported that the SIS's financial situation is solid, with an estimated current balance of \$10,419.06. Total income from October through April was \$2,193.34 (up from \$1,710.00 as compared to May of last year). Income since April 30th includes \$45.00 for state bibliographies. Total expenses from October through April were \$163.00.

Unprocessed expenses since April are \$568.71, reflecting the cost of postage from publication orders and the awarding of the Veronica Maclay Student Grant.

The Treasurer thanked Kevin Fredette, the Chair of the Publications Committee, Eric Parker, SIS Webmaster, Chris Anglim, GD-SIS Chair, Steve Ligda, AALL's Director of Finance and Administration, and Ivonne Torres, AALL's Accounting Assistant in the Office of Finance and Administration for her efficient handling of our accounts.

IV. Election Report: Chris Anglim:

Scott Matheson has been elected the new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. Colleen Manning moved to have the ballots destroyed, Janice Greer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: The Nomination Chair, Susan Lyons is directed to destroy the 2004 SIS ballots.

There is a trend in AALL this year toward allowing electronic voting. After discussion, the Chair moved to amend Article IV, Section 2, subsection b of the SIS Bylaws available at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gov_documents.asp to remove "shall mail a copy of the official ballot" and replace it with "shall distribute the official ballot" and make any such changes necessary to effectuate the intent of the motion to allow for electronic voting. Scott Matheson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: The Chair will effectuate the changes to the bylaws and the Webmaster will update the Bylaws published on the GD-SIS website to reflect these changes.

V. Fugitive & Electronic Documents-Only Committee: Scott Matheson: Mark Bartlett stepped down as the Chair due to a change in circumstances during the middle of the year. Scott Matheson and Sue Lyons volunteered to become Co-Coordinators. Peggy Jarrett will be the new Coordinator of the Subcommittee.

Co-coordinator Sue Lyons implemented "Fugitive Documents Week" with the support of GPO and the EDWG. The one-week effort resulted in 222 submissions to GPO's Lost Docs address. GPO staff noted that the titles submitted were only one benefit: the event also helped raise awareness of the fugitive problem in the documents community.

A listserv for fugitive "hunters" was set up and is hosted by AALL. The list is open to all interested fugitive hunters.

The GPO resumed tangible distribution of Supreme Court slip opinions to law library depositories. The committee helped to draft AALL GD-SIS's July 2002 resolution urging resumption of print depository distribution of U.S. Supreme Court Slip Opinions.

The committee's website moved from Arizona State University to Yale Law School's server. Scott Matheson will coordinate the Website this year. The current address is: <http://www.law.yale.edu/library/fugitives/>. A search function has been added and forms for updating the database should be available by fall.

The William S. Hein Co, Inc. has continued publishing print copies of selected titles identified by the committee as electronic-only. This series is entitled Hein's Electronic Documents Reprint Series and now includes 18 titles.

The coordinators thank all of the committee members for their outstanding work during the past year, and extend a special thanks to Mark Bartlett for coordinating the committee for most of this past year. The committee wishes to thank John Stevenson and our colleagues in GPO's Electronic Documents Working Group; Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell and her very supportive, helpful and responsive staff; and our many colleagues in the law library and documents communities, especially AALL's Washington Affairs Office, ALA's GODORT, and AALL's Government Relations Committee. The SIS Chair recognized the importance of the subcommittee and asked for more volunteers to search for fugitive documents.

VI. Grants Committee: Colleen Manning reported for Michael Samson: Due to some confusion, the committee did not have a chair appointed until December. The committee members thank Michael Samson for stepping in to lead the committee. The committee did not award the Fall Member Grant. The committee awarded the Veronica Maclay Student Grant to attend the AALL Annual Conference to Erin Haggerty. Erin is a Library and Information student at Catholic University. The committee received twelve applications for this Grant.

This year the committee required that all applications and recommendations were received in electronic format. This saved considerable time and effort for the committee. The committee thanked Eric Parker for his efforts and his time spent on the electronic Grant form.

Scott Matheson made the motion that the Grants Committee award two Fall Member Grants in 2004 as there was no 2003 Grant awarded. Georgia Chadwick seconded the motion. The Treasurer confirmed that there are funds available to award two Grants. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: The Grants Committee will award two Fall Member Grants for the year 2004.

VII. Public Relations and Program Committee: Cecily Giardina: Cecily listed the educational programs that the SIS sponsored at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

Please submit program proposals for the 2005 Annual Meeting to either Cecily Giardina or Scott Matheson by the beginning of August. If the SIS sponsors more than one submission, Cecily and Scott will need to rank the programs. Programs have a better chance of selection if sponsored by a SIS. All program submissions must be submitted to AALL electronically by August 15th.

VIII. Newsletter (Jurisdocs): A. Hays Butler:

Hays Butler is stepping down as editor of the newsletter. Hays proposed Eric Gilson as the new Jurisdocs editor.

IX. Publications Committee: Kevin Fredette

Kevin filled orders for approximately 120 bibliographies this last year. Three new bibliographies for Rhode Island, Colorado and Montana, were introduced at the meeting. Kevin, thanked Hays Butler for his working on obtaining and coordinating new authors of the Bibliographies.

After three years as the Publications Committee Chair, Kevin is stepping down. He feels that the position should be filled by someone who wants to take the lead in creating a standing order system. He also recommends that the committee be expanded in order to deal with issues such as advertising, web access, standing orders, and coordination of updating the state bibliographies.

ACTION ITEM: Cecily Giardina will coordinate with Kevin to appoint a new Publications Chair and committee members.

X. New Business: None

XI. Announcements:

A. The AALL Professional Development Committee has been eliminated.

The Professional Development section of the Spectrum will continue to exist and AALL will continue to host the Professional Development listserv. However, ideas for the listserv discussions and articles in Spectrum are now to come from the SIS Chairs. If you have ideas for Professional Development topics, send them to Cecily Giardana.

B. AALL will celebrate its centennial in 2006. The Special Interest Sections have been

asked to participate by creating histories of the Special Interest Sections.

C. AALL is expanding the VIP Program to allow the Special Interest Sections to sponsor VIPs. The GD-SIS can now invite and arrange travel and housing for a VIP to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. AALL will pay for the program and event tickets. Nominations need to be made by January to Scott Matheson or Cecily Giardina.

D. AALL increased SIS membership dues from \$12 to \$15. The SIS receives half of the dues.

E. AALL is working on then next strategic plan. SIS members should examine the SIS strategic plan available at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/jurisdocs/jurisdocs2003.pdf> in anticipation of the new AALL plan.

F. SIS members should examine the new website <http://openthegovernment.org/> and the GAO report Government Printing Office: Actions to Strengthen and Sustain GPO's Transformation available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04830.pdf>.

G. There are several AALL research grants and scholarship available that currently have low application rates. The NIH also has Preservation Assistance Grants available.

XII. The Chair, Chris Anglim thanked everyone and handed his gavel over to Cecily.

XIII. The Meeting was Adjourned

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Treasurer's Report

Colleen Manning, Secretary/Treasurer

July 12, 2004

The SIS's financial situation appears to be solid. Our estimated current Balance is \$10,419.06.

As of April 30, 2004, the date of our latest financial statement from AALL Headquarters, our balance was \$10,942.77. This is up (\$2,963.52) from \$7,979.25 as of May 31, 2003. We will probably incur some expense from the SIS events at the AALL meeting, however it is not expected to be considerable as LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions is sponsoring the GD-SIS breakfast.

Our total income from October through April was \$2,193.34 (up from \$1,710 as compared to May of last year). Income since April 30, includes \$45.00 for state

bibliographies. Estimated Bibliography orders account for \$1,575.00 of the income from October through June. Our total expenses from October through April were \$163.00. Unprocessed expenses since April are \$568.71, reflecting the cost of postage for publication orders and the awarding of the Veronica Maclay Student Grant.

When the estimated income and expenses are considered, the SIS has \$2,199.81 more than it did on May of 2003. This is mainly accounted for by several large one-time bibliography orders.

Other activities this year include keeping the bibliographies order webpage current. Thank you to Eric Parker for all of his continuing work on the SIS webpage.

Thank you to Chris Anglim, GD-SIS Chair and Steve Ligda, AALL's Director of Finance and Administration; and Ivonne Torres, AALL's Accounting Assistant in the Office of Finance and Administration for her efficient handling of our accounts. A very special thank you to Kevin Fredette, the Chair of the Publications Committee for his teamwork in processing orders for state bibliographies over the last several years. In this position, Kevin has been a tremendous asset to the SIS and will be sorely missed.

Please let me know if you have questions.

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