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FROM THE (ACTING) EDITOR

Dear Fellow GD-SIS Members,

The AALL Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! To help you with your planning, this issue includes a list of GD-SIS Programs and Meetings. In addition, Larry Meyer tells us about the benefits of being a Depository Library and Sabrina Sondhi provides some insight about changes afoot.

As this is the first issue of this volume we have reports from the SIS leaders as well as reports from the last business meeting.

We look forward to getting out another issue late Summer that reports on the SIS goings on in Washington. If you have any ideas for an article, please feel free to contact me.

See you in Washington!

Sincerely,

Edward T. Hart

Report from Chair

**Andrew Evans
Washburn University**

Chairing the New Government Documents Frontier

This has been a great year. I attended the fall Depository Library Conference in Washington D.C. and will attend the spring event in Tampa, Florida. I met many of our fellow government document law librarians at the fall event and hope to meet more at the spring event. Just in case I missed you at either event, I will look forward to meeting you at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. In addition to our wonderful exhibit table, we have more programs (six!) accepted than in previous years. The Law Library for San Bernardino County was named the 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year. We are almost finished with our historic agreement to make many AALL Government Documents SIS products such as our state government document bibliographies and JURISDOCS available through Hein. Stay tuned for information on how to RSVP for our breakfast meeting at the AALL Annual meeting. It will be off-site at the Government Printing Office.

I want to thank the incoming chair Rosemary LaSala and secretary/treasurer Dee Wood for being officers this year. Also thanks to Edward T. Hart for being chair of the publications committee and editor of JURISDOCS and Eric Parker for being our webmaster and chair of the grants committee. We owe Mary Alice Baish our gratitude for keeping us on the cutting edge of governmental affairs and relations. Lance Cummins, Richard Davis, and Kathy Brazee of GPO we thank for help on programs and the breakfast meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. Personally, my thanks to my government documents assistant Dee Barker for being the best documents assistant I have ever had and to my law library director John Christensen for supporting and encouraging my involvement with the GD-SIS.

I must give a special thanks to past chairs Jennifer Morgan and Larry Meyer for all their help, leadership, and guidance. Jennifer helped tremendously with the program committee, public relations committee, our exhibit table, and continuing to work with the Hein agreement. Larry Meyer has always been a great mentor to many. While he has many accomplishments, this year was special because the naming of his library the Federal Depository Library of the Year. I hope to follow the examples of Jennifer and Larry for being great past presidents. To insure I do not miss thanking anyone, I want to thank all our members for making this a great year.

This is where I encourage many of you to get more involved with the GD-SIS. So let me state the obvious: being involved looks good on your resume! More importantly, you also gain a different appreciation of how the organization works. I never realized how many people are involved on so many different levels. As chair of the GD-SIS, my beliefs regarding free and easy access for government information were reinforced. Information wants to be free! Please consider taking an active part in this worthwhile organization.

Last but not least, I wish Rosemary and next year's officers a great 2009-2010!

Report from Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

**Rosemary LaSala
St. John's University**

Have you ever wondered how you ended up involved in something? This is how I felt when a very good friend approached me and asked if I would run for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the GD-SIS. I am not ashamed to say that I did not know much about the position or how much work it involved. I need you all to know that my first instinct was to say "No", and then I remembered a conversation I had earlier in the year with a colleague of mine. I cannot remember the conversation word for word, but I do remember saying that I felt disconnected in a field that was very important to me. She suggested that maybe the best thing I could do was get involved, join a committee, volunteer, attend workshops, whatever it takes. Those suggestions helped to make my decision easier. I agreed to run for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and I can tell you honestly that I have not regretted my decision. Members of the GD-SIS are professionals who were always there to answer my questions and provide guidance when I felt there was no way I could do everything expected of me. As the Vice-Chair, my responsibilities included soliciting programs for the July 2009 AALL meeting. I must admit it was slow going at the beginning, but by the deadline, our SIS submitted eight proposals that we either sponsored or co-sponsored. Of those proposals, the national planning committee selected six and that could not have been possible without the help of a wide range of people. Therefore, although the unknown is scary, it is still important to put ourselves out there and accept challenges. The results are most times better than we could have ever imagined.

To all of you who submitted programs for the 2009 AALL meeting and for those of you who are starting to think of great program proposals for 2010, I thank you. This year the GD-SIS programs we are sponsoring and co-sponsoring are made up of an array of subjects that we hope will be of interest to everyone attending the conference. There will be a listing of the programs in this issue of Jurisdocs, please take a moment to view the programs and plan to attend as many of them as you can during the conference.

See you in July.



SIS sponsored programs at AALL 2009

**Rosemary LaSala
St. John's University**

C-2 Laws and Codes: How Do They Do That?

D-3 Brave New Frontier of Government Documents Librarianship

D-6 Beyond The Walls of the United Nations: Exploring U.N. Databases

F-4 Strategic Alliance: The Tribal Supreme Court Project

I-5 What the Early Congresses Did Not Publish and How It Affects Historical Research

J-3 Public Access to the Law in the YaOogle Age

Other programs of interest to SIS members include:

G-3 Evaluating Federal e-Life Cycle Management – A Town Meeting with OMB, NARA, and GPO

J-6 Law Libraries and the Federal Depository Library Program – How Can This Marriage Be Saved?



Library of the Year Award Presented in D.C.

George P. Carter
San Bernardino County Law Library

Attending the Depository Library Conference in Washington D.C. is a great honor and an even greater honor when your library is the recipient of the Depository Library of the Year Award. This indeed was the case last October when three representatives of the San Bernardino County Law Library attended the annual conference in order to receive the award. Those attending to receive the award included Director of the Law Library Larry Meyer, the President of the Board of Trustees the Honorable Judge Keith D. Davis, and the Reference Librarian, yours truly.

The Public Printer Robert C. Tapella presented the Award to Mr. Meyer and Judge Davis on the opening day of the conference. Mr. Tapella noted that the Government Printing Office (GPO) was getting back to its roots by presenting the award to a library that above all exemplified a willingness to serve the needs of its patrons. Indeed, service was the theme and the reason for the occasion. Mr. Meyer graciously accepted the award but not without emphasizing the important role law libraries play in serving communities across the country. Judge Davis also said a few words and thanked the Federal Depository Library Council and the GPO for the award.

Following the ceremony, among the various photo opportunities with senior members of the GPO, were the numerous congratulatory gestures from those in attendance. Finally, two very palatable cakes were handsomely decorated in our honor for all to enjoy, and we most certainly enjoyed the treat. The award made my first visit to the annual Depository Library Conference memorable and the programs offered at the conference made the visit equally educational. On behalf of everyone at the Law Library for San Bernardino County we would like to thank the GPO and the FDLP for this prestigious honor.



Photo Courtesy of the GPO. Left to right: Robert Tapella, Larry Meyer, Judge Keith D. Davis, George Carter, Superintendent of Documents Ric Davis.



U.S. Public Printer Visits Honored Law Library

Ed Butler

San Bernardino County Law Library

The U.S. Public Printer visited San Bernardino County, CA last Nov. 12 to honor its county law library for receiving the 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year award.

Numerous government leaders and library officials were on hand as Public Printer Robert C. Tapella praised the honored library for performing an exemplary job as a Federal Depository Library.

Presenting a framed certificate with gold GPO Coin, Tapella said the Law Library for San Bernardino County “helps ‘we the people’ have access to the documents of our democracy.”

Charged with recording the actions of government and making them available to the public in perpetuity, Tapella said depository libraries are an important intermediary in providing documents to the public. The selected library was singled out in particular for its service practices including outreach to the public, Tapella said.

Speakers at the Nov. 12 ceremony included Judge Keith Davis, library board president. He said the library aims to do the best possible job providing its public service, including access to materials. He said the award is a tip of the hat to library Director Larry Meyer, “one that’s well deserved.”

Speakers included State Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, emphasizing the importance of public libraries to democracy. “Access to information is as American as apple pie,” she said.

Several certificates of recognition bestowed on the library included one from State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, which praised it “for your outstanding job providing and safeguarding a vital link between the public and its government.”

Dignitaries in attendance included State Assemblyman William Emmerson; Mayor Grace Vargas of Rialto; San Bernardino County Public Defender Doreen Boxer; Rancho Cucamonga City Councilman Sam Spagnolo; Federal Depository Library Council Member Tory Trotta, director of the law library at Arizona State University, Tempe; Bob Riger, director of the San Diego County Public Law Library; and Barbara Keough, board member of the San Bernardino County Bar Association.



U.S. PUBLIC PRINTER ROBERT C. TAPELLA (second from right) visited San Bernardino, CA Nov. 12 to honor its county law library as 2008 Federal Depository Library of the Year. Those attending included (l-r) Tory Trotta of the Federal Depository Library Council; Larry Meyer, director of the honored Law Library for San Bernardino County; and George Carter, reference librarian of the honored library.



The Times They Are a-Changin’

**Sabrina Sondhi
Columbia University**

Change is upon us.

This is not a new anthem, of course. But in the last few months there have been some significant changes affecting how we can access government documents. Since January, the Obama Administration has begun reaching out over the internet in an attempt to lessen the opacity of government. Witness the changes occurring at Whitehouse.gov, which came online within

minutes of the change of administrations.¹ In addition, as mentioned in the February AALL e-newsletter, GPO Access is in the process of being replaced by the new Federal Digital System. This new system promises to be both more comprehensive and easier to use than our old “go-to” resource. Finally and most recently, in response to Carl Malamud’s attempt to make federal court records freely available at his website public.resource.org, the free PACER pilot program (which offered free access for users of 17 libraries nationwide) has been suspended.² Although various librarians may have had a hand in one or more of these things, I doubt that anyone could have predicted the occurrence of all three. It is this very uncertainty, the variety of ideas and resources offered to us, the opportunity to grow by learning new things, which makes our careers as librarians so exciting.

When I graduated from the University of Washington’s Information School last summer, the Veronica Maclay Grant gave me the opportunity to attend my first AALL annual meeting. At the time, I remember feeling both excited and scared to meet so many of my fellow-librarians in one place. In retrospect, feeling scared was a waste of energy; almost everyone I met was friendly, generous, and welcoming. That wasted energy was sorely needed: my four days in Portland were jam-packed full of workshops, panels, meetings, and vendors. By the time the GD-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting rolled around on the last day of the conference, I was exhausted! Still I would not trade my memory of those four days for anything. To me, that conference in Portland felt like my induction into a new career and community.

The Diamond Law Library at Columbia University, where I now work as Special Collections Librarian, does not have a Government Documents Librarian. Instead, the reference staff shares these duties. During my allotted time at the reference desk, I have received my share of government documents questions. I help law students track legislative histories so they could write seminar papers and unearthed documents in paper format so they could satisfy their Law Review editors. I use databases, microfiche, and the (invaluable) advice and goodwill of colleagues at other institutions to find the text of 18th Century bills for law professors. I bemoan PACER’s clunky user interface, and extolled the virtues of GPO Access and Thomas to anyone who cared to listen.

I am happy to say that, in the ensuing nine months since the Portland meeting, I have both learned more and realized that there is yet more to learn. New resources, new interfaces, and new documents are becoming available to us. In some areas, such as White House documents and related ephemera, we have more materials available at our fingertips than ever before. In other areas, such as with the current suspension of the free PACER pilot program, we have more restrictions on access to information -- and we are all the poorer for it. As librarians and curators of government records, we are in a unique position to note these changes and help our patrons continue to access information wherever it may be found.

Becoming a librarian is one of the best decisions I ever made. Whatever new changes are on the horizon, I look forward to facing them with you!

¹ Compare the quality and amount of information at the current site with previous ones stored the Internet Archive, such as <http://web.archive.org/web/20080325200409/http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

² See John Schwartz, *An Effort to Upgrade a Court Archive System to Free and Easy*, N.Y. TIMES, February 13, 2009, at A16, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/13/us/13records.html>

Benefits to Being a Federal Depository: Yes or No?

**Lawrence R. (Larry) Meyer
San Bernardino County Law Library**

When Jurisdocs editor Ed Hart asked me a couple weeks back if I would be willing to write an article about the benefits of participating in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), I quickly agreed to do so. As I mulled how to put the article together, I thought I would go to the real experts and ask their thoughts on the benefits of becoming, staying or leaving the FDLP. Two postings to the Government Documents SIS listserv brought a large number of comments as to the benefits perceived in being a depository library versus the perceived benefits of leaving the program. Most of the comments strengthened my own thoughts as to what most people believe are the pros and cons.

Ironically, it appears the number one reason for staying within the program or alternatively not being in the program is the public. Generally, those who mentioned the public and were depositories indicated they felt being FDLP participants enhanced their mission in serving the public and those who withdrew indicated that serving the public may have detracted from their mission. The sentiments of those in favor of depository status were best summed up by the comments of a public law librarian who emphasized that she felt being a Federal Depository was an opportunity to reach a wider audience by promoting depository status and materials and that there was a certain amount of prestige attached to being a depository. On the other hand, one former depository indicated that certain members of the public using the institution's depository status to gain access appeared to be creating an undue burden on the institution and staff to the detriment of their primary clientele.

Most of those who spoke in favor of continued access mentioned the opportunities provided in networking with the larger depository community and in one case with the main campus library. It seems from the comments that we law librarians appreciate the opportunity to assist our patrons in areas outside our main expertise by calling upon the assistance of others across town or across the country. By the same token, we take pride in being able to assist depository librarians from other types of libraries with their questions related to the law. As one person indicated, essentially the depository program allows the law library to expand its services and by extension its expertise, into a much broader range of disciplines by relying on this extensive network without negatively affecting their acquisition budgets.

A number of respondents indicated that they had conducted a dollar and cents evaluation as to the costs associated with being a depository. Each respondent who indicated they had gone through this process pointed to results indicating the savings in the material they would otherwise need to purchase more than justified the costs associated with being a depository. One person volunteered that their institution had never finished the study as an initial list of big ticket items exceeded the perceived cost. While the comment was posted on gov-doc-l, one of the most interesting comments that I believe is applicable to the economic issue was that of a person who pointed out that with massive budget cuts within their library, documents were looking more and more like a real bargain!

Surprisingly, while we have heard over the past few years that everything is now electronic, therefore, “why remain a depository?”, no one, especially those from libraries that dropped their status brought up the issue. There were two related comments. The depository librarian at one large academic law library pointed out that as they contemplate the day of an all or almost all electronic depository collection their deep concern over the authentication of electronic materials and that their librarians are closely monitoring the discussions on this issue. Another mentioned the need for preservation and future access to documents and how GPO is assisting in that effort.

In conclusion, I was pleased to see the dedication of depository librarians to the program and most importantly to providing access to government documents. Knowing that the audience within the GD-SIS is skewed towards the documents program, I am none the less gratified to see the high level of dedication within our community. To those who are thinking or have thought of leaving the program, I suggest you strongly evaluate your reasons for not being within the program. In addition to the comments above, I would point you to a recent discussion on gov-doc-1 which emphasized the many resources available to help guide an institution’s decision making process. Those resources can be found via GPO Access.



Advocate for Law Libraries at AALL’s Day on the Hill 2009

Emily Feldman
American Association Law Library

From the very start of the new Congress in January, your lawmakers have been hard at work on a very full agenda. In addition to the stimulus package, Congress has addressed legislation on Presidential records, threats to open access, the classification of government information, and state secrets. With so many issues of importance to law libraries already cropping up, we predict it will be a busy year! That is why the AALL Government Relations Office needs *your* help to deliver our message to key members of Congress.

As a law librarian, you are in the perfect position to influence your elected representatives to support legislation and policies that affect our profession. The AALL Government Relations Office and Government Relations Committee would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend AALL’s *Day on the Hill: Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training 2009*. This year’s unique full-day Advocacy Training will provide you with the opportunity to learn about AALL’s pro-active legislative agenda, network with new colleagues, and develop the communication skills you need to become a successful advocate. Best of all, you will be able to practice your skills by spending the afternoon in meetings with your Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill. The Advocacy Training is free of charge and will take place right before the Annual Meeting on Friday, July 24, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All members of AALL and its chapters are welcome to attend.

As a participant in our Advocacy Training, you’ll learn about the important issues on AALL’s legislative agenda including:

- Adequate annual funding to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for no-fee public access to PACER;
- A public domain citation system for legal information;
- The enactment of “Orphan Works” legislation to allow libraries to digitize and make publicly available materials whose copyright owners cannot be found despite extensive and costly searches; and,
- The repeal of Section 215 (the so-called “library” provision) of the *USA PATRIOT Act*, which is due to sunset on December 31, 2009.

In addition to hearing about our issues, you will learn tips from D.C.’s own “Advocacy Guru” Stephanie Vance during a fun and engaging presentation on effective advocacy. At the end of the morning session, you will be prepared and energized to take your message to your legislators on Capitol Hill.

"All politics is local," and building a trusting relationship with your lawmakers and staff is key to your becoming a successful advocate. The *AALL Day on the Hill* is the perfect opportunity to hear about AALL’s policy agenda, hone your communication skills, and make your voice heard on Capitol Hill. To register, send an email to AALL Advocacy Communications Assistant Emily Feldman at efeldman@aall.org. We look forward to seeing you in July!



**Minutes of the GD-SIS Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 7:00 a.m.
AALL Annual Meeting, Portland, OR**

**Dee Wood
University of Kentucky**

Present:

Priscilla McIntosh, Kristie Randall, Cynthia Etkin, Miriam Childs, Robin Haun-Mohamed, Frederick Chan, Ric Davis, Stephanie Braunstein, Melanie Sims, Cathy Jerve, Michele Pope, Jason Sowards, Sabrina Sondhi, Andrew Evans, George Carter, Michelle Cosby, Dee Wood, Larry Meyer, Jennifer Morgan, Laura Grimm, Eric Parker, Pat Behles, Mary Jane Mallonee, Marlene Harmon, Lynn Monkres, Marcia Siebesma, Janet Fischer, Victoria Trotta, Mary Alice Baish, Jada Aitchison, Rosemary LaSala, Scott Matheson, Alicia, Brillon, Suzanne Corriell, Jeff Buckley, Mary Cornaby, Susan Lyons, David McFadden, Joel Fishman, Richard J. Spinelli, Daniel P. Rosati, Kevin M. Marmion, Elizabeth Outler, Judy Russell, Marian F. Parker, Sally Holterhoff.

Welcome and Introductions:

Jennifer Morgan, Chair of GD-SIS opened the breakfast meeting at 7:25. Jennifer thanked Lexis-Nexis for their sponsorship of the breakfast and introduced Priscilla McIntosh of Lexis-Nexis. She also gave thanks to Larry Meyer for his guidance throughout the year and for his

work as chair of the Bylaws Committee, Nominations Committee, and Advocacy Committee. Also receiving thanks for their work as committee chairs were: Andy Evans, program committee; Eric Parker, grants committee; Ed Hart, publications committee; and Eric Gilson, outgoing Jurisdocs editor. Rosemary LaSala, newly elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, was recognized for her willingness to run for office. The meeting agenda was distributed. Larry Meyer made a motion to approve the agenda, and Michelle Cosby seconded. The vote was favorable. Jennifer asked those present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

Reports:

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Minutes from the July 17, 2007 in New Orleans were distributed to the membership via the GD-SIS discussion forum on June 12, 2008. Additional, paper copies distributed at the meeting. David McFadden made a motion to accept the minutes and Janet Fischer seconded. The minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was distributed by Secretary/Treasurer Dee Wood. She reported on finances from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Income was \$9,410.50 most of which was attributed to sales of 388 state bibliographies. Expenses in the amount of \$5,830.84 were incurred due to bibliography production (photocopying, mailing supplies, and postage), grants, conference expenses, and VIP expenses. The total estimated balance in the GD-SIS account was \$24,569.91. The secretary/treasurer acknowledged Ed Hart for his hard work on the state bibliographies and AALL Financial Assistant Ivonne Torres, for her diligence in processing checks and credit card orders. Ed and Ivonne made the entire process appear to be seamless. Scott Matheson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Melanie Sims seconded. The report was approved.

Grants Committee Report

Eric Parker reported for the Grants Committee. One member grant for up to \$800 and one student grant for up to \$1,000 are awarded annually. Jason Sowards, Reference Librarian at the Wake Forest University Professional Center Library, was awarded the member grant to attend the spring Federal Depository Library Council meeting in Kansas City. Sabrina Sondhi, a student of the University of Washington Information School, was the recipient of the Veronica Maclay Grant to cover costs associated with attending the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference and the CONELL program in Portland. Eric thanked committee members, Nancy Cowden and Jill Sidford, for their service to the committee. He also thanked the Section leadership for agreeing to increase the awards for both grants. Janet Fischer made a motion to accept the committee report and Tori Trotta seconded.

Nominations Committee Report

Larry Meyer reported that nominations for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect were sought during the nomination period using the GD-SIS discussion list and by personal contact with potential nominees. Rosemary LaSala, St. John's University Law Library, was nominated and elected in May. At the conclusion of the meeting, Andrew Evans becomes Chair, Rosemary LaSala will become Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Jennifer Morgan will become Immediate Past Chair and Dee

Wood will continue as Secretary-Treasurer. Susan Lyons made the motion to accept the report which was seconded by Pat Behles.

By-Laws Committee Report

Larry Meyer continued the work of Janet Fischer, 2006-2007 Committee Chair, who had submitted proposed updates to the by-laws. The updates were sent to the SIS Executive Board for comment. The proposed by-law changes are to be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting for discussion and/or action. If they receive a favorable vote, they will be submitted to the AALL By-Laws Committee for review. Upon the approval of the AALL By-Laws Committee, the proposed changes will be submitted to the SIS membership for a vote. Motion to accept report by Janet Fischer and second by Michelle Cosby.

Publications Committee Report

Jennifer Morgan reported for Ed Hart. Management of the bibliographies and chair of the Publications Committee changed hands from Eric Parker, who for several years had coordinated the development, printing, and distribution of the publications. The SIS thanks Eric for his devoted service. Brisk sales of bibliographies (the new Pennsylvania and New York titles especially) continued. Two new bibliographies have been produced – an updated Kentucky by Ryan Valentin and Michelle Cosby, and a new Delaware by Peter J. Egler. The SIS thanks the compilers of the two new bibliographies. Volunteers from academic, public, and private law libraries are working on updating and compiling twenty-two bibliographies. The goal is July 2009, but not all will be completed by then. The SIS officers are in negotiation with William S. Hein & Company for Hein to take over the publication of the series and to include them in Hein-on-line. The Committee requests a clear definition of its future role. Eric Gilson will step down as editor of Jurisdocs and Mary Cornaby will be the new editor. Eric was thanked for his service. Motion to approve the report by Rosemary LaSala; second by Joel Fishman.

Washington Affairs Update:

Mary Alice Baish, Acting Washington Affairs Representative for AALL, thanked Ric Davis, Cindy Etkin, and Robin Haun-Mohamed for attending the SIS meeting. Mary Alice brought the membership up to date on activities of the Washington Affairs Office including: comments on the Pacer pilot project, legacy digitization; her testimony at the GPO FY 2009 appropriation hearings; needed involvement and commitment from library directors to the FDLP; and the restart of the White House and Congressional web sites due to the upcoming change of administration. She announced that Emily Feldman has joined the Washington Office as AALL's new Advocacy Communications Assistant. Emily has launched the new *Washington Blawg* and has put the *Washington E-Bulletin* back on its regular monthly publishing schedule.

GPO Update:

Ric Davis, Acting Superintendent of Documents and Director of Library Services and Content Management at GPO, Cynthia Etkin, Senior Program Planning Specialist for the Superintendent of Documents and Robin Haun-Mohamed, Director Collection Management and Preservation, represented the Government Printing Office. Mr. Davis reported that five new Depository Library council members have been appointed, including the first tribal librarian on council. The new Deputy Public Printer is Paul Erickson. The Regional Depository Study report was made available in draft form to the depository community so that comments could be submitted

regarding the study. Implementation of authenticated digital signatures has begun. The 2009 Budget of the United States and the 100th Congress Public and Private laws have been authenticated. Congressional Bills will follow pending House and Senate approval. GPO is working with the Library of Congress on digitization of the Bound Congressional Record and the Statutes at Large. GPO will release a Request For Proposal on July 24 for digitization of the legacy collection at no cost to the Government. The Fall Depository Library Conference and Fall Depository Library Council Meeting will be held October 20-22, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Va. The Spring 2009 Depository Library Council Meeting will be held April 20-22, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency, Tampa, Florida.

Washington, D.C. 2009 Educational Programs:

Jennifer Morgan reported for Holly Riccio, who could not be at the meeting. She announced that program proposals should be sent to Rosemary LaSala, Chair of the Program Committee, by the August 15 deadline. The program planner's handbook can be found on the AALL web site. Scott Matheson warned everyone not to use the word "innovate" in program titles because the 2009 conference theme is "Innovate." Larry Meyer announced that our business meeting (breakfast or lunch to be decided) in Washington, D.C. may be held at the Supreme Court building, the Jefferson Building, or at GPO. Communication with the membership regarding next year's meeting will begin early next year.

State Bibliographies

Jennifer Morgan and Scott Matheson led discussions on the GD-SIS's negotiations with William S. Hein to digitize the print versions of the State Bibliography Series to offer through Hein-online. Scott emphasized the limited usage of the publications when they are put in reference collections. The bibliographies would have a higher profile, increased availability and a streamlined production and distribution if put online. Kevin Marmion, Dick Spinelli, and Dan Rosati from William S. Hein were present at the meeting to discuss a draft letter of understanding from Hein to be reviewed by the section membership. Kevin summarized the letter of understanding for those present and would like input from the membership. He stated that the Bibs would be placed in a good, easy-to-find location within Hein Online, and will be delivered digitally or in paper format. Hein will be responsible for the production and sales process. The bibliographies probably will not be provided in buckram binding because it will not be cost effective. Larry Meyer made the motion to authorize the executive committee to work through the appropriate process with the association in support of the production and sales of the GD-SIS State Bibliographies by William S. Hein. Second by Janet Fischer.

Member Questions/Comments/Announcements

Jennifer Morgan thanked Larry Meyer for his dedicated work on the executive board and presented him with a "Taste of Oregon -- Coffee" gift.

Joel Fishman invited the membership to visit the new Pennsylvania Constitution Web Page at www.paconstitution.duq.edu/.

Jennifer Morgan announced that she co-wrote a \$17,000 grant to digitize the *Brevier Legislative Reports* (published biennially from 1858 to 1887) – a verbatim report of the legislative history of the Indiana General Assembly during those years.

David McFadden commented that state digitization projects and programs may overlap. Marian Parker stated that we must pursue avenues not to duplicate each others' efforts.

Jennifer Morgan presented the new GD-SIS officers. Andrew Evans from Washburn Law Library was introduced as the new Chair and Rosemary LaSala from St. John's University Law Library was congratulated as the newly elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

Jennifer asked for a motion to accept the election results and destroy the electronic ballots (results) of the election. Larry Meyer made the motion and Scott Matheson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Scott Matheson moved for adjournment of the meeting, and Michelle Pope seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.



Treasurer's Report

July 15, 2008

**Dee Wood
University of Kentucky**

The financial situation of the GD-SIS is solid. AALL Financial statements from April 2007 through March 31, 2008 show an ending balance of \$25,123.67 with total revenues at \$6,433.00 and total expenses at \$1,931.43. Activity after March 31 through June 30 includes revenues in the amount of \$465.00 and expenses in the amount of \$1018.76 leaving an estimated ending balance of \$24,569.91. Sources of income and expenses shown below date from July 2007 through June 2008 and have been broken down into the following categories:

Estimate of revenues July 2007 through June 2008:

1. Dues	\$2,392.50
2. Contributions (LexisNexis)	1,200.00
3. Sales of State Bibliographies	<u>5,818.00</u>

Total \$9,410.50

Estimate of expenses July 2007 through June 2008:

1. State Bibliographies	
Photocopying	\$2,242.06
Postage/Shipping	314.91
Supplies	<u>64.35</u>
	\$2,621.32

2. Grants	
FDLC Grant: Jason Sowards	<u>\$787.65</u>

Maclay Grant (up to \$1,000 awarded to Sabrina Sondhi, to be reimbursed after 2008 conference)

3. Conference Expenses	\$1,233.19
4. Miscellaneous (including A/V)	\$238.63
5. VIP	
Accommodations	\$740.04
Transportation	<u>210.01</u>
	950.05

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