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From the Editors

Dear Fellow GD-SIS Members,

Welcome to the Spring 2011 issue of your newsletter. It is a new year: there is a new Public Printer, a new Superintendent of Documents, and new editors to *Jurisdocs*! In this issue we have reports from our Chair and Chair-elect, information on the upcoming Spring FDLP conference in San Antonio, as well as a listing of GD-SIS programs and meetings for the AALL Annual Meeting.

The next issue of *Jurisdocs* will be out in late August 2010, and it will have a review of AALL Philadelphia programs sponsored by our SIS, as well as notes and minutes of the SIS's annual business meeting.

As always, we love hearing from you! Submissions to *Jurisdocs* are welcomed and encouraged. Please consider contributing an article. Submissions can be forwarded directly to either Kate or Camilla.

Sincerely,
[Kate Irwin-Smiler](#) and [Camilla M. Tubbs](#)
Your Editors

Chair's Report



Dee Wood
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Another year packed with all levels of GD-SIS activities has flown by. It has been a great pleasure serving as your Chair and assisting Section committees coordinate these activities. I hope to see many of you at the 2011 AALL annual meeting and conference in Philadelphia where you will witness the culmination of a year-long effort by so many loyal members.

We have some exciting programs and a Saturday workshop planned, including our Tuesday morning breakfast meeting. The Section is fortunate to have an outstanding Program Planning Committee: Eric Parker (Chair), Rosemary LaSala, Andrew Evans, Jennifer Bryan Morgan, Larry Meyer, Janet Fischer, Ed Hart, Sarah Gotschall, and Annmarie Zell. These few members have worked tirelessly all year to solicit and select programs, as well as plan the breakfast meeting and assist with the selection of our conference VIPs. I am very grateful to them and offer them my sincere thanks for their outstanding efforts.

In addition to the Program Planning Committee, several others contribute to the success of GD-SIS in many ways. The Public Relations Committee, led by Jennifer Bryan Morgan, promotes our section at the annual meeting by providing marketing materials at the GD-SIS table in the exhibit hall and in the CONELL Marketplace, just one of the few activities of this committee. The Grants Committee, led by Jill Sidford, advertises for and gives travel grant monies available from the section to attend the Fall and Spring Depository Library Council meetings and AALL. The Nominations Committee, led by Larry Meyer, performs the all-important task of soliciting members to run for office on an annual basis. The Publications Committee, led by Ed Hart, coordinates the compilation and publication of the GD-SIS State Bibliography Series which is part of the AALL Occasional Papers series. Jennifer Wondracek, our Webmaster, posts all on our web page.

Now is the time for you to volunteer for a GD-SIS committee that draws your interest. In the near future, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Eric Parker will be requesting volunteers for next year. If you are already on a committee and wish to continue, let Eric know. Service to the section is very rewarding in multiple ways, so don't be shy about stepping up.

I have had a marvelous year as your Chair. Once again, thanks to our committees and the membership as a whole for an unforgettable experience. I hope many of you will be attending Spring DLC in San Antonio, TX and I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect's Report



Eric C. Parker
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When I last reported to you, I wrote a bit about the programs we as a Section will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring in Philadelphia this coming summer. Since it's been a few months, and, as I write this, the AALL Annual Meeting is only a bit over 4 months away, I want to take this opportunity to highlight our programs once again. The AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee did not develop a theme for the Philadelphia meeting. Instead, the idea was to try to put our energies into proposing and putting on the best programs that we could. I think the Philadelphia meeting promises to be splendid.

On Saturday, July 23, GD-SIS is co-sponsoring, along with LIPA, "W3: Digitizing Government Information: How to Plan and Conduct a Digitization Project in Your Library." This all-day workshop features speakers from numerous academic and state law libraries, as well as from OCLC and the GPO.

On Sunday, July 24, we are co-sponsoring, with RIPS-SIS, "B5: Peeping THOMAS: A Little Look at a Big System," which will focus on recent changes to THOMAS based on user-provided feedback.

On Monday, July 25, we are sponsoring "GD-SIS Program: Contemporary State Constitutional Conventions: Proposals for Pennsylvania and Beyond," which will examine the proposed constitutional convention in Pennsylvania, and compare it with proposals in other states. On Monday, we're also sponsoring "GD-SIS Program: Mashup the Government's Copyright," which will examine technology-based tools used to create new products or "mashups," as well as copyright questions arising from these new tools and products.

A lot more detail about these and all the other programs in Philadelphia can be found at <http://aall11.sched.org/type/programs>. So whether you are definitely planning to attend, or are still on the fence about it, I hope to see many of you there this summer.

Update from the Secretary - Treasurer



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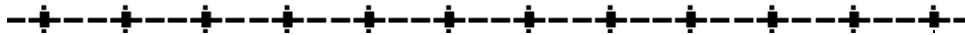
At our last business meeting in Denver, the membership agreed that our Secretary-Treasurer records should be digitized. I am happy to report that this project is now finished. All five boxes of files have been digitized into PDF files and OCR'd as well, so that they are searchable. These files can be passed along and saved electronically. At our Annual Meeting, I'll be asking for permission to shred the paper files. The GD-SIS's current financial standing through the end of December 2010:

Acct. Code	Date	Beginning Balance 4/30/2010	\$30,175.09
REVENUES			
3140		Dues - 2d Q 2010	\$82.50
3480	5/26/2010	Royalties - State Bibliographies	\$4,621.00
3140	9/30/2010	Dues - 3d Q 2010	\$2,242.50
TOTAL REVENUES			\$6,946.00
EXPENSES			
4350		Awards -	
	4/30/2010	Travel Grant to Spring DLC Mtg	(\$500.00)
	5/3/2010	Travel Grant to Spring DLC Mtg	(\$372.89) (\$872.89)
4160	7/13/2010	A/V Equipment - Conf. Room	(\$182.00)
4490	7/13/2010	Food & Beverage -Business Mtg. Breakfast	(\$2,373.88)
4570	7/27/2010	Honoraria - VIP Guest to AALL 2010	(\$66.97)
4720	7/27/2010	Misc. expense - Candy for GD-SIS Table at AALL 2010	(\$31.21)
4530		Awards -	
	8/9/2010	Travel Grant to AALL 2010	(\$500.00)
	8/5/2010	Maclay Grant AALL 2010	(\$1,000.00)
	7/30/2010	VIP Guest AALL 2010	(\$1,392.00) (\$2,892.00)
4720		Misc. Expenses -	
	7/14/2010	A/V @ Hyatt, AALL 2010	(\$94.26)
	8/1/2010	2010 Annl. Mtg. Program Eval. Fee	(\$80.00) (\$174.26)
	10/22/2010	FDLP Grant Recipient	(\$394.63)
	10/22/2010	FDLP Grant Recipient	(\$750.00)
	11/23/2010	Souvenirs /Giveaways - T-Shirt	(\$25.15)
TOTAL EXPENSES			(\$7,762.99)
YTD - 12/31/2010			\$29,358.10



GD-SIS Committees and Elections

GD-SIS is looking for volunteers for 2011/2012! Specifically, we are looking for folks interested in serving on one (or more) of our several committees. Whether you have never volunteered for a GD-SIS committee in the past, or have volunteered many times, I would like to encourage you to volunteer for a committee assignment for 2011/2012. There are numerous options, from grants, to nominations, to programs, to publications. More information on our committees is available at: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/committees.html>. Please send questions to [Eric Parker](#).



New Public Printer and Superintendent of Documents



President Barack Obama originally nominated William J. “Bill” Boarman to become the 26th Public Printer on April 19, 2010. The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration held a confirmation hearing in May, and Boarman's nomination was reported favorably to the full Senate in July. From there, the appointment process stalled. The President then appointed Boarman during a recess of the Senate on December 29, 2010. The video of his swearing-in ceremony is available on [YouTube](#). The President has since sent the renomination of Boarman to the

U.S. Senate.

Boarman recently remarked, “Since being sworn into office earlier this month, I’ve deeply appreciated the support and warm welcome of GPO’s dedicated and talented employees, and I have been reaching out to Congress, Federal agencies, depository libraries, and other members of the Government information community to ensure that we carry out GPO’s statutory mandate efficiently and effectively, in the best interest of the public we serve.”

It is déjà vu all over again for Boarman, who accepted an appointment as Printer to GPO in 1974. Bill took a leave of absence from GPO to serve in various elected posts within the International Typographical Union but has always been a trusted advisor to GPO, testifying on GPO’s behalf before Congress numerous times over the past 30 years.

In January, the Public Printer named former AALL Director of Government Relations Mary Alice Baish to the position of Assistant Public Printer, Superintendent of Documents. Mary Alice will oversee GPO's Library Services & Content Management unit, Publication & Information Sales unit and the management of GPO's Federal Digital System ([FDsys](#)). Mary Alice has been the Director of the AALL Government Relations office since February 1995. In her time as director, she developed a robust information policy agenda through Congressional testimony, state and local outreach, and position papers on a wide range of access to information issues.

In announcing her appointment, Boarman noted:



Mary Alice has been a strong advocate for GPO and the library community throughout her entire career, which makes her a natural choice to assume this important position for the agency. Her vision and experience with open Government initiatives will be an asset to the FDLP and GPO's effort through FDsys in making Federal Government information open and transparent for the American people.

Those of us in the GD-SIS who have had the pleasure of working with Mary Alice over the years know that she is an enthusiastic advocate for the documents community. As recently as last year, Mary Alice spoke before a House Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the FY 2011 GPO Appropriations Request. And Mary Alice has hit the ground running in her new role as Superintendent. On February 23, 2011, Mary Alice discussed on [Federal News Radio](#) a digitization collaboration between GPO and the Library of Congress to make the *Statutes at Large* (from 1951-2002) and the permanent volumes of the *Congressional Record* (from 1873-1998) available on FDsys.

There will be a "Meet and Greet" with Mary Alice and GPO staff at the during the FDLP Spring meeting in San Antonio on Monday, April 4th at 9:15 a.m. Afterward, the Public Printer and Superintendent of Documents make their debut speeches about GPO and the FDLP. The Meeting will also feature a welcome reception on Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk hotel.



Public Printer Appoints New Members to the Depository Library Council



Public Printer Bill Boarman also announced his appointments to the 2011-2014 class of the Depository Library Council (DLC). Among the new appointees is Susan Lyons, a Reference and Government Documents Librarian at the Rutgers University Law School Library in Newark, New Jersey. Lyons is a former GD-SIS Chair (2002-03). Her professional interests include digital preservation, authentication, and permanent public access to government information. Joining Susan is Stephanie Braunstein, Assistant Librarian at the Troy H. Middleton

Library Louisiana State University; Donna Lauffer, County Librarian for the Johnson County Library; Mark Phillips, Assistant Dean for Digital Libraries at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas; and Arlene Weible, Government Documents and Technical Services Librarian at the Oregon State Library in Salem.

Spring 2011 Federal Depository Library Meeting

The Spring 2011 Federal Depository Library Program Meeting is quickly approaching! On-site registration, along with coffee with Council members, starts at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011. The Council meeting will begin with a GPO Update plenary session at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. To help with your planning, a preliminary schedule of events is available from the [FDLP Desktop](#).



Of particular interest at this year's meeting is a program on PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). PACER is an electronic database operated by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) that provides public access to case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District, and Bankruptcy courts. PACER is available to anyone who registers for an account, but historically, PACER has not been a part of the FDLP, and users still incur fees for document retrieval through this site.

In 2007, GPO partnered with the AOUSC to undertake a pilot to provide free public access to Federal court records to 17 depository libraries. The pilot was suspended for evaluation after 11 months. However, last spring, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved a new pilot, allowing up to 12 courts to publish federal district and bankruptcy court opinions via the Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System (FDsys) so that members of the public could more easily search across opinions and across courts. In addition, the Conference adjusted the PACER fee schedule so that users are not billed unless they accrue charges of more than \$10 of PACER usage in a quarterly billing cycle. Further, AALL has been in discussions with GPO on potential legal research and training programs for librarians and the users of PACER. The PACER session at the FDLP Meeting will provide a review all of these developments and a discussion of the future of PACER. According to the preliminary schedule, the PACER presentation will take place during the Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, from 10:30am-noon.

Also to be discussed at the Spring Meeting is the strategic planning process for the future of the Federal Depository Library Program FDLP. Last November, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) awarded a consultant contract to Ithaka S+R and asked them to work with stakeholders from across the documents community in developing recommendations for sustainable models for the future of the FDLP. Ithaka created a [website](#) to provide details on the goals and strategy of this project, updates on progress, as well as a venue for community input and engagement. It then released a [Background Report](#); an [Environmental Scan](#) of the changing FDLP environment; a [White Paper on Existing Library Networks](#); a [Findings document](#); and an Analysis of [New Directions](#) and a [New Models](#) for the future.



Reflections on Twenty-five Years in Gov Docs

I always looked forward to Professor Thomas S. Shaw's government documents class when I was in library school at LSU. This was 1971, and he had worked at the Library of Congress during and after World War II. We learned from him about the vast resources of the Library of Congress and the dedicated people who worked there, as well as the intricacies of the SuDocs classification scheme and the importance of the Government Printing Office. When I worked as a cataloger in public and academic libraries and volunteered in my children's school libraries, government documents did not play a big role in my life. Things changed in 1986 when I was offered the opportunity to become the Reference/Government Documents Librarian at Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware, three miles from my home and with a schedule that fit well with my family life. A little over four months later, after I had practically committed the Federal Depository Library Manual to memory to prepare for an inspection, our depository collection was visited by Inspector Ved Gulati and given a passing grade. I still have the Federal Depository logo pin that Ved gave me, and every now and then I think about Professor Shaw and his enthusiasm for government information.

In 1986 Widener did not have an online catalog. Item selection cards were kept in boxes, and paper and microfiche depository receipts were checked in on Kardex cards. Our documents were shelved separately from the rest of our collection, and I felt comfortable walking up and down those aisles knowing where almost everything was located. Because of space limitations, we had already begun to receive Congressional documents in microfiche, and I became adept at dealing with the reader/printers. In 1990 I was fortunate to have Mary Jo Miller become my assistant, and it is due to her continuing diligence, attention to detail, and initiative that our collection has progressed smoothly through the stages of print, microfiche, CD, and now online. I was not thrilled when the decision was made to integrate our depository documents into the main library collection, and I am never happy when I have to weed heavily because shelf space has become an issue, but I have been able to rejoice twelve times after completing and submitting a Biennial Survey.

I was excited in 1996 when my description of the use of Widener's depository resources appeared representing Delaware in *Fulfilling Madison's Vision: the Federal Depository Library Program*. I have been grateful to Widener for financing my attendance at 19 Depository Conferences, plus travel to the University of Maryland for Regional meetings after Delaware joined the Maryland/DC Region in 1988. John Stevenson and Rebecca Knight from the University of Delaware have been stalwart traveling companions to the FDLC for many years. I gained so much knowledge and insight from listening to many librarians from all types of libraries over the years that it was both an obligation and a pleasure to devote some of my time to the Government Documents-SIS by being the Secretary/Treasurer from 2005 to 2007. The duties of that office were more demanding than today, since Hein has taken over the distribution

of our state bibliographies. Eric Parker and I were in constant communication as we arranged for payment, photocopying, and mailing of print copies to libraries all over the USA.

On March 4, 2011, I celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Government Printing Office by providing a cake to the Widener library staff with “GPO 150 Years” written in red, white, and blue icing. I have enjoyed being a partner with the GPO and with the AALL Government Documents-SIS for 25 years, but my days are numbered. It is very gratifying to know that a dedicated member of our organization, Mary Alice Baish, whom I have admired for a long time, has accepted the position of Superintendent of Documents and will be diligently working to promote and preserve access to government information for everyone. Even more than the libraries and the documents that have been part of my life for 25 years, I have enjoyed the dedicated people who are government information librarians.

-- *Mary Jane Mallonee*

Government Information at AALL 2011 – Philadelphia, Here We Come!

Philadelphia, birthplace of the Constitution, is a wonderful place to celebrate government information. A variety of educational programs are being offered during this year’s Annual Meeting that relate to government information. The Vice Chair’s Report (page 4) summarizes the SIS sponsored programs, but there are some other programs related to government information as well. Aside from the educational programs, don’t forget the GD-SIS business breakfast meeting (Tuesday 7-9 am). It’s always surprisingly animated for being so early in the day.

Be sure to support your colleagues & attend some of the other great government information offerings at AALL in July!

- B3: “Authentication: the Evolution Continues” - Speakers will discuss the Authentication and Preservation of State Electronic Legal Materials Uniform, a proposed uniform law currently before the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), Act.
- D2: “AALL Public Policy Update: Shining the Spotlight on Advocacy” – This panel will feature AALL committee chairs discussing the past year’s accomplishments and forecasting this year’s issues. The AALL Public Access to Government Information Award and Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award will also be handed out.
- D6: “We the People: Constitutional National Treasures in Philadelphia Archives” - One of the fantastic programs planned with a local flavor, this session focuses on the writings of James Wilson, and important figure from the early Republic. An archivist will talk about preserving and providing access to Wilson’s works and related documents – including early versions of the Constitution!
- H4: “The Role of Law Libraries in Advancing Law.gov: Open-sourcing America's Operating System” - Speakers will discuss efforts to make public domain law more accessible to the American people, including the 2010 Law.gov report and the National Inventory of Primary Legal Research.

Upcoming Events

Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference
3-6 April 2011
San Antonio, Texas

AALL Annual Meeting
July 23- 26, June 2011
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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