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From the Editors

Dear Fellow GD-SIS Members,

We look forward to seeing all of you in Seattle! Submissions to *Jurisdocs* summarizing this year's meeting are welcomed and encouraged. Please consider contributing an article. Submissions can be forwarded directly to either Kate or Camilla.

Also, as the AALL FDLP Task Force finishes its term, the GD-SIS is considering forming a committee or working group to continue some of the ongoing work. If you are interested in participating in the Task Force, or would like more information, please contact Camilla.

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



Chair's Report

Janet Fischer

Collection Development Government Documents Librarian

Golden Gate University Law Library

Happy summer to all of our members! In academia, the semester is winding down (or is over) and law school graduation is about to commence. Before summer classes begin, we have a moment to think about the upcoming AALL annual meeting and conference.

The bylaws committee finished their updates to our section bylaws and submitted the changes to the AALL Bylaws Committee, which approved them. The revised bylaws were included in our recent election and were approved by the membership. Many thanks are due to Eric Parker, who ably shepherded the bylaws through this approval process.

Unfortunately, the Executive Committee was not able to complete its work on a new strategic plan. We hope to continue working on this complicated project during the next year.

I extend many, many thanks to Rosemary LaSala who, as chair of the Nominations Committee, single-handedly solicited candidates for office and organized our very first electronic ballot! I am grateful to all who volunteered to run for office, and extend congratulations to our incoming officers:

- Chair: Camilla Tubbs
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Edward T. Hart
- Secretary/Treasurer: Amy Taylor

It has been an honor to serve as the Chair of the GD-SIS for the past year. Past Chairs and current committee members have been so helpful and willing to pitch in, and you all have been a joy to work with. I look forward to visiting with you in Seattle!



Vice Chair/Chair Elect's Report

Camilla Tubbs
Deputy Director Thurgood Marshall Law Library
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As you start making your plans to attend AALL in Seattle, please mark your calendars for the following events at AALL:

Our GD-SIS sponsored program is ***B8: State Constitutions: Current, Historical, and How They Change***, which will take place on Sunday, July 14th from 2:00 – 3:00pm in Rooms 605/610. This program will guide participants through finding state constitutions, examining the methods of constitutional revision and amendment, and following the historical path of a constitution. Speakers Jennifer Bryan Morgan, Ashley Ames Ahlbrand, Cindy Dabney and Michelle Cosby will begin by outlining the resources available for finding the text of current and historical constitutions and for conducting historical research; they will then discuss the revision process and the documents generated. Lastly, speakers will introduce a resource for comparative state constitutional research.

We also are “sponsoring” a coffee talk entitled ***GD-SIS Coffeehouse Chat: A Conversation with the Superintendent of Documents on the Future of Government Information***, on Monday, July 15th at 11:45 within the Sheraton – Juniper Room. This is an excellent opportunity for you to not only hear updates from Mary Alice Baish about FDLP Forecast Study, but also to connect with your colleagues outside of the normal busy conference schedule.

Our ***GD-SIS Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast*** (sponsored by Bloomberg Law/Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business) will be on Tuesday, July 16th from 7:00-8:15 am in the Sheraton room Willow A.

Also look for the winning selection for the “***Day in the Life***” photo contest government information category, which will be on display at the Annual Meeting. The Federal Depository Library Program Task Force has proposed a poster session at the Annual Meeting, which, if accepted, will include entries from the “Day in the Life” contest. Please stay tuned for more information on that program.

Finally, thank you everyone for your suggestions for VIPs to invite to this year’s meeting! I think that we’ve selected two wonderful candidates (whose bios are included in this newsletter below).



Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Wondracek

Instructional Services Reference Librarian

University of Florida, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

May Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Jennifer Wondracek, University of Florida, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center

Dates Covered: 7/1/2012-5/1/2013

Item	Debit	Credit	Subtotal	Total
Starting Balance				\$ 33,045.21
Revenues				
SIS breakfast sponsorship		\$ 2,000.00		
Dues		\$ 2,920.00		
Total			\$ 4,920.00	\$ 37,965.21
Expenses				
AALL Misc Expenses	\$ 483.72			
VIP AALL Travel Grant: Maclver, Laster	\$ 1,574.42			
AALL Travel Grants: Dewey,Hart, Childs	\$ 3,393.52			
AALL GD-SIS Breakfast	\$ 3,080.14			
AALL Equipment Fees	\$ 330.66			
DLC Officer Grant: Wondracek	\$ 1,818.73			
DLC Travel Grants: Pamboukes	\$ 699.38			
Total			\$ 11,380.57	\$ 26,584.64
Final Total				\$ 26,584.64

* All known receipts and income have now been accounted for and are included in this balance sheet.

GD-SIS Sponsored VIPs for Annual Meeting

This year, we will be sponsoring two VIPs at the Annual Meeting: Arlene Weible and Cass Hartnett.



Arlene Weible is the Oregon Federal Regional Depository Coordinator at the Oregon State Library in Salem Oregon and is the Chair Elect of Depository Library Council. She also coordinates several statewide projects for the Library Development Division of the State Library. She has worked in federal depository libraries over the last 20 years in Connecticut, Washington State, Texas, and Oregon. She is a former Chair of ALA's Government Documents Round Table and is currently active in the Oregon Library Association.



Cassandra (Cass) Hartnett is the US Government Documents Librarian in the Government Publications department at the University of Washington and a former GODORT Chair. Cass teaches a course on Government Publications in the UW Information School, which was recently added as a required course for the UW Law Librarianship (MLIS) program.

GPO Approves Regional Agreement for Michigan

GPO recently signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) with the University of Minnesota Libraries (UMN) under which UMN will provide regional depository library services to the selective depository libraries in Michigan. Under the agreement, UMN will provide interlibrary loan and reference services, education and training, and related services to Michigan's depository libraries. In addition, UMN and the Library of Michigan/Michigan Department of Education have entered into a new service agreement that includes the creation of a Regional Depository Library Advisory Group to ensure the needs of all depository libraries within the region served are met.

The Library of Michigan served as a regional depository for federal documents until October 3, 2011, at which time it relinquished its regional depository designation. It continues to participate in the FDLP as a selective depository.

Currently, UMN oversees regional responsibilities for 32 libraries, with 23 libraries in Minnesota, and 9 selective depository libraries in South Dakota. Besides being a full regional depository, the UMN also receives documents from Canada, the European Union, and the United Nations, as well as publications from other countries and international organizations.

New Appointments to Council

Congratulations to GD-SIS's own [Kate Irwin-Smiler](#) who was recently appointed by the Acting Public Printer to the Depository Library Council (DLC). Kate joins four other new DLC members for the June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2016 term:

Greta Bever is the Assistant Commissioner for Central Library Services at the Chicago Public Library, where she oversees the Government Publications department.

Roberta Brooker is the State Librarian at the Indiana State Library and is a member of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) and the Indiana Library Foundation.

Elizabeth Cowell is the Associate University Librarian for Public Services at the University of California, Santa Cruz where she provides strategic leadership for public service activities locally and UC systemwide.

Hallie Pritchett is head of the Map and Government Information Library at the University of Georgia, the state's regional Federal depository library. She is permanent executive secretary of GLA's Government Information Interest Group (GIIG), immediate past chair of ALA's Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT), and current chair of the Regional Government Information Librarians (REGIL).

GPO on Pinterest

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) recently expanded its social media presence by joining Pinterest. You may follow them here:

<http://pinterest.com/usgpo/GPO>. Pinterest is a content sharing service that allows members to "pin" images, videos and other objects to their own electronic pinboard. GPO will use Pinterest to share historic photos, videos, products, and Government publications with the public. Pinterest joins GPO's other social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Government Book Talk blog.



Update on the Day in the Life Photo Contest

Throughout January and February, AALL members took a wide range of photographs of law librarians working, meeting, teaching, and doing all that law librarians do in a given day to submit to AALL’s “Day in the Life” photo contest. This year’s contest included a special category on the use of government information. Here are some of the highlights:



Dubs the UW Husky Mascot and Anna Endter reading the Code of Federal Regulations—in Husky purple—in the Gallagher Law Library. Submitted by Anna Endter and Peggy Jarrett, Gallagher Law Library. Photographer: Fernando O. Gonzalez.



Albert the Gator Brushing Up on the Latest CFR, Submitted by Avery Le (photographer), University of Florida Law Library.



Building on Tradition. Submitted by Emily Carr, Law Library of Congress. Photographer: Robert Brammer.



GovDocs are not a Mickey Mouse Resource, Submitted by Beth Given, Kresge Law Library. Photographer: Holly Klejeski.

GPO hosts Preservation Week Events

Peggy Jarrett
University of Washington
Gallagher Law Library

Many thanks to GPO for offering Partners in Preservation: Government Information for Future Generations, the first ever multi-day virtual event. After a welcome from Mary Alice Baish, Superintendent of Documents, time was allotted to FDLP Forecast Study and Library Services & Content Management (LSCM) updates before the presentations and facilitated discussions on preservation.

The Forecast Study update focused on our answers to survey questions relating to preservation. As always, when forecast participation numbers are presented, I am pleased at how many law libraries completed surveys. Academic law libraries, at 71%, and highest state court libraries, at 70%, were outdone only by state libraries (who responded at a whopping 93%).

The preliminary results show that most FDLs are not yet digitizing, and most would find guidance useful. We are fans of FDsys but have concerns about equal access to digital information. We want content and we want training. GPO staff is still working on the qualitative analysis and plans to start releasing data reports by question in May 2013. Although we have yet to see any working papers, I remain hopeful that the vast amount of data and commentary GPO received will help us chart a collaborative, workable, and secure future.

Jane Sánchez, Director, LSCM, and GPO staff talked about what is in-progress, doable, and possible in response to the forecast. GPO is continuing to add content and to authenticate primary legal material. Law librarians who have been following the US Court Opinions pilot on FDsys will be pleased to know that by the end of FY2013, opinions from the remaining appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts will be added to the collection.

On day two of the program, the focused discussion on tangible collection preservation caught and kept my attention. Moderated by Marie Concannon, Depository Library Council member and regional librarian, a set of questions was presented and lively commentary from participants scrolled by at a healthy pace.

Law librarians need to pay attention to this evolving discussion and make our concerns known. My primary concern is that we not confuse digitization with preservation. Digitization is another form of access. It is not a way to preserve print. It is a way to increase access to print. In my mind there are three separate goals, which certainly overlap but have unique challenges:

1. To preserve, in print, the historical FDLP collection.
2. To digitize the historical print collection to exponentially increase access to it.
3. To preserve the born digital collection of government information.

These are daunting tasks and the community needs to come together to accomplish them. Just setting the parameters – what is included in the historical FDLP collection and how many copies do we need – is challenging enough. To create a working collection in print and in authenticated digital form will require thought, creativity, work, time, money – and partnerships. Law librarians have a special role, since we work with primary legal materials and understand that what might be considered “historical” to some might actually be of current importance to lawyers, legal researchers, law professors and students, and self-represented litigants. I hope that law librarians continue to work with GPO and with each other to be part of preserving “government information for future generations.”

Ed. note: recorded versions of the webinars are available at the [FDLP Webinar archive](#)

Rosemary LaSala adds that despite some technical difficulties there were a lot of great ideas and suggestions made during the virtual sessions. She’s interested in putting together groups of people who “attended” the sessions to keep the discussion going, and maybe present at the GPO Conference in October. Interested? Contact [Rosemary](#).

Upcoming Events



AALL Annual Meeting
July 13 – 16, 2013
Seattle Washington

Meeting updates on Twitter [@AALL2013](https://twitter.com/AALL2013)

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