

GD-SIS Annual Report, GD-SIS Annual Report, 2023-2024
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The Government Documents Special Interest Section Board and its membership were active this year in a variety of areas. Officers for the year were Chair, Stephen Parks; Vice Chair, Rebecca Chapman Past Chair, Seth Quidachay-Swan; Secretary/Treasurer, Charlie Amiot; and Member at Large, Keith Lacy.

The program committee is tasked with producing and offering programming to the membership in the year. Specifically, this comes in the form of attempting to get a program accepted at AALL Annual Meeting each year. This year, we managed to get two programs accepted – Classified documents, and Indigenous Copyright. Next year, we will be promoting a program on FDLP digital changes and its impacts across libraries. To that end, the program committee created a set of tasks – defined and explained – with deliverables and timed due dates for each item in a checklist. That checklist, when followed, would produce a fully formed program to pitch to AALL in IdeaScale in September and then again on the portal platform in October in order to get approved and picked up for the annual meeting. We have implemented the checklist and we are on task to land speakers for a fully formed panel. We should have the speakers before this year's annual meeting. Thus, all that will need to be done is adding bios to the filled out program template and sending it up on IdeaScale in September. Then the committee can move on to the next program idea for the next year. Fully completing each requirement a year early – well on time. Committee Members: Rebecca Chapman, Chair; Cate Kellett; Melanie Sims.

Advocacy Committee Report. This year, the committee reached out to the Government Relations Committee to coordinate efforts on issues impacting government libraries and librarians. The committee liaised with GRC in October, January, and April to talk about issues. GRC is watching legislation related to government department budgets (impacting libraries), access to information and how that impacts government libraries, and librarian professional development. The Advocacy committee will continue to work with GRC in the coming year to watch issues and make clear what we want to advocate for amongst the various issues and bills in Congress. Members: Larry Meyer, Chair; Rebecca Chapman.

The FDLP Advisory Committee focused on creating a survey that could be sent out to SIS members to get their take on the changes occurring in the FDLP. It is hoped that the survey results will provide AALL an idea of what law libraries have in terms of government documents

versus the results from the survey the FDLP itself sends out to all libraries. The survey was shared with the SIS community on May 3, 2024, and runs until July 20, 2024. A new survey may be needed in the next year or two to see how law libraries are dealing with the many changes that are coming for Government Documents. Committee Members: Holly Grimes; Rich Leiter; Allen Moye.

The Grants Committee awarded two grants this year. The recipients of the Annual Meeting Grant were Jenny Zook, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, and Jenny Wondracek, Law Library Director and Professor of Legal Research and Writing, Capital University Law School. No applications were received for the Veronica Maclay Student Grants. On motion made by the Grants Committee, the SIS Executive Board agreed to reimburse Charlie Amiot, in the amount of an Annual Meeting Grant, for any travel expenses this year as a means of addressing the fact that Amiot did not receive the Veronica Maclay Student Grant reimbursement awarded her in 2018. Committee Members: Keith Lacy; Georgia Chadwick; Stephen Parks.

JURISDOCS editor Charlie Amiot put out two issues this year. The Nominations Committee was charged with locating candidates for two positions this year: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Member-at-Large. The Committee started with an open call for nominations and then began reaching out to potential candidates. The following candidates agreed to run for the positions listed below: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect - Holly Grimes; Member-at-Large - Adam Anderson. The election was held in April 2024, and all candidates were elected to the positions above. Committee Members: Stephen Parks; Rebecca Chapman; Charlie Amiot; Keith Lacy; Seth Quidachay-Swan.

Publications Committee Report. Chair: Edward Hart; Members: Emily Carr, Esther Eastman, Khelani Clay, and Kaylan Ellis. The Committee's task is soliciting and coordinating the compilation of state bibliographies. The current goal is to work with volunteers to update any bibliographies older than ten years. Our partnership with Hein as our distributor continues. We expect to receive the minimum royalty for participation on HeinOnline of \$3,700 for the inclusion of the state document bibliographies that are included in the Spinelli's Law Librarian Reference Desk. As of 17 April, Hein was still processing 2023 royalty payments. During this year, we submitted updates for two states:

- Maryland
- Oregon

Volunteers are working on updating bibliographies for future release for the following states:

- California
- Connecticut
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- Washington, DC

We thank all the volunteer compilers for their efforts.

The Board hosted our Business Meeting at AALL virtually on May 28, 2024. The gavel passed and the new board will reconvene to discuss AALL and next year's activities.