

LISP NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

The mission of our special section, Legal Information Services to the Public, is to improve access to legal information and to promote legal information services to the public. Two projects that we regularly engage in are the clearinghouse bibliography and the reference brochure. The SIS also publishes the public librarian's tool kit.

In addition to these projects, LISP promotes and encourages its members to provide research assistance to pro bono groups, either through local AALL chapters or individually by its members. LISP also is charged with representing its members' interests and concerns within AALL.

Undeniably, members of the SIS see the value and laud the goal of improving access to legal information. Unfortunately, very few members actively - or even periodically - participate in LISP activities or projects. At the annual meeting in 2001, fewer than 10 members showed up for the annual business meeting. For the past two or three years, it has been a struggle to find candidates to run for office so the elections are increasingly late. Thanks to a few tireless souls, LISP carries on - but we need more members actively involved!

LISP currently has over 200 members. If you embrace the idea that legal information services are of value to society, then LISP is the place for you. If you belong to LISP, get involved. Randy Mafit is the chair for the upcoming year and he can use plenty of volunteers. The more involved you, as members, are then the easier it is to represent your interests with AALL. Without it, we're only guessing and assuming what you want.

Perhaps it's time for us to do a little soul searching. Does LISP still have an active role to play in AALL? Or, has its mission been absorbed successfully by other SIS's? Think about it The topic will be on the agenda for the business meeting in Orlando. If you can't make it this year, send your comments to the LISP discussion list at lisp-sis@aallnet.org.

If you still think LISP is relevant, then get involved.

Deborah Norwood
Chair, LISP

Randy Mafit
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

TREASURER'S REPORT

There has been no LISP treasury activity since my last report, so the balance as of 3/31/02 stands at \$6,406.09.

Respectfully submitted:
Connie Von Der Heide
2001-'02 LISP-SIS Secretary/Treasurer

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS 2002-2003

Statement of Amy Hale-Janeke, Candidate for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

Bio: Amy Hale-Janeke (JD, MLS) is a Reference Librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library and has been there since September of 1999. She also serves as the Library's Media Coordinator, writing the newsletter, press releases, brochures, and coordinating media events. She is a member of AALL (SCCLL and LISP SIS's) and recently served as the SANDALL Chapter Vice President and Chair of the Programs Committee.

Candidate's statement: "Communicating information to the public about conducting legal research is one of the most important functions a law librarian can perform. Since pioneering a unique monthly class in legal research for pro per litigants three years ago, I have seen firsthand the hunger of the public for legal information. As an officer of LISP SIS, I would work to expand LISP's outreach to public librarians and pro per litigants and hopefully provide innovative ways to communicate with those we strive to serve."

Statement of Martha Renick, Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Martha Renick (JD, MLS) is law librarian for Marion County in Salem, Oregon. Before joining the county last winter, Ms. Renick spent fourteen years in law school libraries in public services. She is a member of AALL, both SCCLL and LISP, and her local chapter, Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries.

Candidate's statement: "My current position as a county law librarian is a departure for me. Working to meet the legal information needs of the public at large is a far cry from providing services to law faculty and students who are only a small slice of the legal community. I cannot think of a better way to become acquainted with the issues the public faces and, therefore, we face, than to become involved in the LISP SIS. My individual perspective, knowledge and experience gained working at four different universities across the country are what I can contribute as an officer of our SIS.

ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2002-2003

**Legal Information Services to the Public
Special Interest Section
2002 Ballot**

INSTRUCTIONS

To vote, print a copy of the ballot. [Highlight the area between the lines. Click on Print and click on "Selection" in the Print Dialog Box. Otherwise, you will print the entire newsletter.]

Vote by checking the space next to the name of the candidate of your choice. Ballots must be postmarked no later than June 21, 2002, and returned by first class mail to:

LISP-SIS 2002 Election
c/o Connie Von Der Heide
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Amy Hale-Janeke _____ OTHER _____

Secretary/Treasurer:

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SEND US YOUR NEWS!

LISP wants to know what its members are doing. Have you, or anyone you know, given or attended a lecture, seminar, training session or other presentation? Published an article? Discovered a good Internet site or other resource? Know of any other news that LISP members may be interested in? Don't keep it a secret - LISP wants to know! No news is too small!

Please send submissions to:

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Email or use regular mail - with 3.5" floppy, and current version of Word or WordPerfect.

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