

Legal Information Services to the Public SIS 2006-07

The officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP) for 2006-07 were Luis Acosta, Chair; Joel Fishman, Interim Vice Chair; Susan Larson, Secretary/Treasurer; and Sara Galligan, Immediate Past Chair. Because of the 2005-06 Vice Chair/Chair-Elect's absence, Mr. Acosta, who had been elected to serve in 2006-07 as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, assumed the office of chair pursuant to the section's bylaws, and the Executive Committee appointed Dr. Fishman to serve the year as Interim Vice Chair.

The section's State-Specific Public Library Toolkits are designed to assist non-law public librarians and pro se patrons gain bibliographic knowledge of legal titles in their state. In 2006-07, toolkits for two states were added and toolkits of four states were updated.

The Garner Grant Award, established to honor the memory of Kathy Garner, provides financial assistance for attending the AALL Annual Meeting. Two LISP members, David Selden and Meg Martin, were awarded the Garner Grant for 2007 and received assistance to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting.

The LISP Executive Committee chose Richard Zorza, an attorney, independent consultant, and coordinator of the Self Represented Litigation Network, to serve as LISP's "Valuable Invited Participant" at the Annual Meeting.

LISP co-sponsored two programs at the 2007 Annual Meeting: "Networking to Serve Self-Represented Litigants," co-sponsored with SCCLL-SIS, at which Mr. Zorza spoke, and the "Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners," co-sponsored with SR-SIS and RIPS-SIS.

In April, the members of LISP elected Betty Agin to serve as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and John Cannan to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, for 2007-08. Mr. Acosta will continue to serve as Chair, and Ms. Galligan will continue on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past Chair.

Luis Acosta, Chair
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