

### *Legal Information Services to the Public SIS 2007-08*

The officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP-SIS) for 2007-08 were Luis Acosta, Chair; Betty Agin, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; John Cannan, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sara Galligan, Immediate Past Chair.

This year, a new Joint Committee on Pro Bono Partnerships was formed from members of LISP-SIS and SCCLL-SIS, to explore the ways in which law librarians can improve services for and engage in partnership opportunities with existing pro bono projects and otherwise assist under-served members of the public.

LISP-SIS's *State-Specific Public Library Toolkits* is an ongoing project designed to assist non-law public librarians and pro se patrons gain bibliographic knowledge of legal titles in their state. As of June 2008, toolkits for 24 states and the District of Columbia were available on the LISP-SIS Web site.

At the Annual Meeting in Portland, LISP-SIS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring three programs selected by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC): "Serving the Mentally Ill Patron: Theory and Techniques for Safe Interactions," co-sponsored with RIPS-SIS; "Lawyers in the Library: Exploring New Ways to Serve our Public Patrons," co-sponsored with SCCLL-SIS; and "Avoiding Giving Legal Advice at the Library: Exploring the Legal and Ethical Framework of Assistance to the Self-Represented," co-sponsored with SCCLL-SIS. In addition, LISP-SIS is also coordinating its first non-AMPC program at an Annual Meeting, titled "Exploring the Evolving Field of Assisted Living for the Elderly." LISP-SIS also is co-sponsoring the annual "Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners" with SR-SIS and SCCLL-SIS.

LISP-SIS's Garner Grant Award, established to honor the memory of Kathy Garner, provides financial assistance for attending the AALL Annual Meeting. Two LISP-SIS members, Melanie Salon and Mindy Rush, were awarded the Garner Grant and will receive assistance to attend the Annual Meeting in Portland.

LISP-SIS's Executive Committee chose Bonnie Rose Hough, Managing Attorney for the California Administrative Office of the Court's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, to serve as the SIS's "Valuable Invited Participant" at the Annual Meeting.

In April, the members of LISP-SIS elected Terrye Conroy to serve as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and John Cannan to serve a second year as Secretary-Treasurer during 2008-09. Betty Agin will serve as chair for 2008-09, and Luis Acosta will serve on the executive committee as immediate past chair.

Luis Acosta, Chair  
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