

**Legal Information Services to the Public SIS
Annual Report 2011-2012**

The Officers for the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP-SIS) for 2011-2012 were Dan Baker, Chair; Janine Liebert, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Lauren Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer; and Bret N. Christensen, Immediate Past Chair. For 2012-2013, the LISP-SIS Officers will be Janine Liebert, Chair; Mary Rice, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Brian Huffman, Secretary/Treasurer; and Dan Baker, Immediate Past Chair.

This year, the section awarded three Kathy Garner Grants in the amount of \$565 each. This year's recipients were Janine Liebert, Maria Protti, and Tracey Watson.

The LISP-SIS was pleased to co-sponsor four programs at the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Boston, MA: "Searching Legal Opinions: The Google Scholar Approach" (cosponsored with the Computing Services Special Interest Section); "Access to Justice Committees and the Growing Importance of Law Librarian Involvement" (cosponsored with the State, Court & County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL-SIS)); "Lost in Translation: Immigration Detention and Access to Legal Materials" (cosponsored with the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section (SR-SIS)); and "*Turner v. Rogers*, Due Process, and the Pursuit of Court Access: Trumpeting the Law Library Connection" (cosponsored with the SCCLL-SIS). Although of the programs were well attended and well received.

In addition, the section once again co-sponsored the "Joint Roundtable on Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners" with the SCCLL-SIS and the SR-SIS at the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference.

The LISP-SIS Business Meeting was held as a breakfast on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00am, and the section received sponsorship for this event from Bloomberg Law/Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, William S. Hein & Co., Inc., & Wolters Kluwer Law & Business. At the meeting, the membership discussed the possibility of awarding grants for members to attend other related conferences, such as the Access to Justice Conference; the Grants Committee is investigating and will present a proposal to the Board when completed. We also discussed the changes to the program selection process for 2013's AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle and ways to improve interaction between the various state chapters working on Pro Bono issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Baker
Chair, 2011-2012