

LISP Business Meeting Minutes
2009 AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
July 27, 2009

Present at the meeting were Luis Acosta, Dan Baker, Scott Burgh, John Cannan, Bret Christensen, Terrye Conroy, Janet Ann Hedin, Mon Yin Lung, David McFadden, Maria Protti, Lee Warthen, and Claire Williamson.

I. Introductions

II. Grants Committee Report: Janet Ann Hedin reported that there were 10 applicants for the 2009 Kathy Garner Grants: 3 from LISP members and 7 from non-LISP members (this was the first year that non-LISP members were eligible for the Grants. The two winners of the 2009 Grants, Scott Burgh from the City of Chicago Department of Law Library and Clair Williamson of the University of Denver were both in attendance at the meeting, and they both spoke briefly to indicate their appreciation.

III. 2008 Minutes: After amendment by adding the names of attendees who were inadvertently left off, the minutes of the 2008 LISP Business Meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report: John Cannan gave an update on LISP finances. As of May 1st, the SIS has approximately \$11,000; after the Conference expenses are deducted, we will probably have around \$9,500.

V. VIP: Richard Zorza, from the Self Represented Litigation Network, was the LISP VIP and was the speaker for the program on Access to Justice. It was reported that this program was lightly attended but very interesting. Discussion was held on the VIP program and proposals for the Denver meeting. It was understood that we should begin looking for program ideas and potential VIPs in January or February for the Annual Meeting two years away. Deadline for proposals for 2010 meeting in Denver is August 23.

VI. LISP sponsored the program Online Interactive Forms for the Self-Represented Litigants: The Library's Role, which was well attended. In addition, LISP cosponsored the annual Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners with the Social Responsibilities (SR-SIS) and State, Court & County Law Libraries (SCCLL-SIS) Special Interest Sections.

VII. Public Library Toolkits: The committee recognized Beth Schneider for her great work in getting the word out. We still need several states (we have close to 30 total); discussion was held on how to generate more interest in creating them. A panelist for a program on government documents librarianship mentioned the Toolkits, and it was pointed out that Toolkits don't have to be created by someone from the particular state. Additional discussion was held on how to get the states completed.

VIII. *How to Research a Legal Problem* Revision: Luis Acosta reported that the 3rd edition (3/2009) is available on the web in plain text, and that AALL is hiring a design company for the layout so it will be digitized and available for free on the web soon. Lee suggested that a press release be issued when it is available. Discussion was held regarding places to post a link to it to advertise and disseminate it effectively: announcing it in posts to list-servs and at chapter meetings was suggested.

IX. Description of LISP on AALL website/materials: Discussion was held regarding updating the various descriptions of LISP on AALLnet. Luis reported that a consistent description needed to be finalized by August 1st before AALLnet is redesigned.

X. Brochure: Discussion was held regarding whether we want a LISP brochure.

XI. Community Service Initiatives at 2010 Meeting: We received a request from Ronald Wheeler that any community service efforts in Denver should be advertised earlier and better. Discussion was had regarding why turn-out was low this year and how to improve efforts next year.

XII: Government Relations Committee: Terrye passing along a request from the AALL's GRC urging all AALL bodies like SISs, etc., to pay attention to their communications and action alerts to ensure prompt response if needed.

XIII: Continuing Education: All members were strongly encouraged to apply for grants, and to utilize the resources available at AALL2go.

XIV. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee was thanked for its services. The committee's slate of candidates consisted of Bret Christensen for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Dan Baker for Secretary/Treasurer. Bret and Dan were elected to serve in these offices.