

## **Legal Information Services to the Public**

### **Annual Report 2018-2019**

The members of the Executive Board of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP-SIS) for 2018-2019 were Heather Simmons, Past Chair; Artie Berns Chair; Catherine McGuire, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Jessica Almeida, Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Grants:**

The committee awarded the Kathy Garner Annual Meeting Grant to Leslie Greenwood and Nicole Dyzslewski.

#### **Business Meeting:**

The Business Meeting was held on May 16th via AALL's teleconference service. Bylaws were changed to permit the business meeting to end independently of the officer's terms.

#### **Education:**

In October, LISP, RIPS, SR, and the Black Caucus of AALL hosted a 5 Conversations in 5 Days on the topic of inclusion in libraries.

Both education committee program proposals to AALL were accepted for annual meeting (though technically LISP-SIS only hosted one of these programs).

- *What Librarians Can Learn from The Green Bag: A Conversation with Ross E. Davies.* Nicole Dyzslewski had a very lively discussion with Green Bag editor Ross Davies.
- *Engaging Public Librarians in the Access to Justice Movement: Creating Skills-Based Legal Research Continuing Education Programs.* Anne Rajotte & Christopher Roy shared their experience developing an educational program to help non-law librarians assist legal information seekers.

#### **Public Library Toolkits:**

Pauline Afuso made strides to implement a regional coordinator tier to help with the management of the Public Library Toolkit program. Several regional coordinators will now be the contact for the individual updaters, responsible for checking that updaters update toolkits periodically, making sure toolkits are transmitted to AALL, required copyright forms are filled out, and new updaters are found when needed. Artie Berns will take over as chair since Pauline Afuso has been elected as the next Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

#### **AALL Annual Meeting:**

We participated in CONELL Marketplace and signed up several new members at that event by giving them free LISP-SIS memberships on the condition that they serve on a LISP committee.

LISP-SIS functions included two roundtables. A LISP-SIS roundtable was led by Catherine McGuire & Pauline Afuso on the subject of unauthorized practice of law. The Joint Roundtable

with SR & GLL was filled to capacity (we had to get chairs from the next room). Panelists Stephen Schultze, Jon Taylor, and Anna Russell discussed fees charged by PACER.

In addition to the roundtables, LISP-SIS met informally for gelato during the Annual Conference.

**Web Committee:**

The Web Committee reviewed the LISP website and revised the content including the Janet Hedin section. Updates were also made to the toolkit.

**Treasurer's Report (from Jessica Almeida):**

As of May 31, 2018, our balance was at \$9996.26 and we collected \$1,510.00 in member dues. We provided \$864.40 in grant money to membership in that time. We anticipate the continued receipt of revenue from dues over the summer.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to all the LISP-SIS members who contributed their time and effort. The list is too long to include but this year has been busy and our SIS has accomplished much. Thank you to all who helped us make LISP-SIS a success this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Artie Berns  
Chairperson  
2018-2019