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LISP-SIS ANNUAL MEETING

Teleconference

May 16, 2019

3:30 PM Eastern

Present: Luis Acosta, Pauline Afuso, Jessica Almeida, Artie Berns, Leslie Greenwood, David McFadden, Catherine McGuire, Rebecca Sherman, Heather Simmons

Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm.

WELCOME

Artie Berns welcomed us all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

MINUTES

The attendees approved by voice vote the minutes for the last annual meeting. There were no amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Artie Berns for Stephen Parks (Chair)

The committee awarded the Kathy Garner Annual Meeting Grant to Leslie Greenwood (\$695) and Nicole Dyzslewski (\$305). Leslie thanked the committee for the grant.

Nominations: Artie Berns for Lee Van Duzer (Chair)

The election was completed in accordance with the timeline in the bylaws. The new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect is Pauline Afuso and Jessica Almeida was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Bylaws: David McFadden (Chair)

The Bylaws Committee has proposed a change in Article V, Section 3 to clarify that the terms of the officers' service extends to the adjournment of the AALL annual meeting.

Education: Rebecca Sherman (co-Chair)

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. Education Committee co-chair Nicole Dyzslewski is co-authoring an AALL Spectrum article based on the discussion.



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Web: Artie Berns for Brian Huffman (Chair)

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

Toolkits: Pauline Afuso (Chair)

Fourteen new toolkits were added and a number of state toolkits were updated. The committee is now sending out copyright notices, so we are compliant with AALL policy.

Election Results (Artie)

Artie announced the results of the 2019 LISP Election. Pauline Afuso was elected as the Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Jessica Almeida was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

PROGRAMMING & EVENTS FOR AALL WASHINGTON D.C

CONNELL Marketplace (Artie)

Artie will be tabling for LISP at the CONELL Marketplace on Saturday, July 13th from 10 am – 12 pm. Jessica is planning to help starting at 11 am. Any other LISP members who are interested in helping at the LISP table, please email Artie. During the CONELL Marketplace, Artie will be giving away seven LISP-SIS memberships. Any CONELL attendee given a free membership will be required to volunteer for a committee.

Informal Gathering (Artie)

The LISP informal gathering will be at Dolcezza Gelato & Coffee shop, 904 Palmer Alley NW (on 9th street, between H & I Streets). It's about 2.5 blocks from the south end front doors of the convention center. Artie will send out a Doodle poll soon so we can schedule a day and time.

Roundtable (Artie)

The LISP-SIS Roundtable will be on Sunday, July 14th from 12:45-2:15pm. All are welcome.

LISP/GLL/SR-SIS Joint Roundtable (Rebecca)

The joint roundtable will be on Monday, July 15 at 1:30-2:45pm and the panel of speakers will discuss PACER. The committee will be meeting with the other SISs to discuss advertising next week.



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Co-sponsoring therapy dog (Artie)

LISP will be co-sponsoring a therapy dog at AALL with the Animal Law Caucus during the Opening Reception on Saturday, July 13th pending AALL approval.

Education Programs (Rebecca)

Two programs were chosen by AALL for the annual meeting. The LISP sponsored program is “Engaging Public Librarians in the Access to Justice Movement: Creating Skills-Based Legal Research Continuing Education Programs” on Sunday, July 14 from 4-5pm. The session will look at educational programming for public librarians and feature Anne Rajotte from UConn School of Law and Christopher Roy from the Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries.

The second program is “What Librarians Can Learn from The Green Bag: A Conversation with Ross E. Davies” on Monday, July 15 from 3-4pm. Nicole Dyszlewski will moderate and ask Ross Davies questions about how his outreach and marketing strategies can be used by libraries. Advertising for both programs is coming soon.

Treasurer’s Report (Jessica)

We currently have \$8,776.26 in the account, which is consistent with the past year. Over the next few months, expense requests will be made for the Kathy Garner Grant recipients, the new member scholarships, the therapy dog for the opening reception, and a new poster background to be used during the AALL annual meeting. Catherine asked if AALL covered all the fees for SIS VIP annual meeting guests. Jessica did not know, but Luis was able to find information on AALLnet about the VIP program.

Discussion of Bylaws Amendment (David/Luis)

There were no questions, so Artie called for a vote, Heather moved that the bylaws be amended, David seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. David thanked Catherine for helping the Bylaws committee this year.

New Business (Artie)

There was no new business.

Message from Chair-Elect (Catherine)

Catherine spoke briefly about her plans for the next year. There are two things she would like to address: (1) membership is shrinking, she would like to expand membership and try to pull in new people and (2) unite with GLL-SIS on access to justice initiatives. She is looking forward to working with everyone and



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thanked Artie for all his work in the past year.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm Eastern (3:00pm Central).

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Almeida