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LISP-SIS ANNUAL MEETING

Videoconference

June 24, 2020

3:15 PM Eastern

Present: Pauline Afuso, Jessica Almeida, Artie Berns, Jennifer Dubetz, Carolyn Hayes, Brian Huffman, Sarah Larsen, Victoria Levy, Sue Ludington, David McFadden, Catherine McGuire, Rebecca Sherman, Heather Simmons, Lee Van Duzer

Meeting called to order at 3:17pm.

WELCOME

Catherine McGuire called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Catherine McGuire for Stephen Parks (Chair)

The committee awarded the Janet Hedin AALL Leadership Meeting Grant to Sarah Larsen. Sarah told members that the Leadership Academy will now be held online. The Grant Committee will be awarding three Kathy Garner Grants for the AALL Annual Meeting Grants. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 26th.

Nominations: Lee Van Duzer (Chair)

Lee thanked the committee members and announced that he will be stepping down as chair. The new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect is Sarah Larsen and Lisa Heidenreich is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

Bylaws: David McFadden (Chair)

The Bylaws Committee is going to work with the Web Committee to update the LISP website to include last year's bylaws change.



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Education: Rebecca Sherman (co-Chair)

In November, LISP-SIS, RIPS-SIS, PEGA-SIS, and PLLIP-SIS hosted a 5 Conversations in 5 Days on the topic of interpersonal communication. The LISP sponsored program, “Law Library Neutrality in a Time of Political Upheaval”, was selected as one of the AALL Virtual live-streamed sessions. The session will take place on Thursday, July 16th from 3:30-4:30PM (CDT).

Web: Brian Huffman (Chair)

There were limited updates to the web and social media. The committee will make updates to the by-laws, education, and toolkit pages.

Toolkits: Artie Berns (Chair)

The committee restructured the toolkits into regions with coordinators for each region. Artie will be reaching out to coordinators to update the toolkit soon.

PROGRAMMING & EVENTS FOR AALL WASHINGTON D.C

AALL Virtual Meeting (Catherine)

The LISP-SIS sponsored program was chosen to be livestreamed during the AALL Virtual Meeting. The joint roundtable with GLL-SIS and SR-SIS has been suspended. Catherine is talking to Sara Pic about a roundtable in the future, possibly on a topic revolving around Black Lives Matter or COVID-19 related needs.

Treasurer’s Report (Jessica)

We currently have \$8,920.47 in the account, which is consistent with the past few years. Over the next few months, expense requests will be made for the Kathy Garner Grant recipients and Janet Hedin Leadership Grant recipient.

New Business (Catherine)

1. Catherine asked the members to introduce themselves.
2. LISP’s role in social media: Catherine discussed the resurgence of the blog and it’s potential to be a connector to other SISs and A2J issues. A discussion followed about target audience, types of posts, and general blog theme. The discussion was tabled at 3:58pm.
3. Membership Growth and Participation: Catherine discussed a need to invigorate new members and support participation.



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4. SIS Council Meeting; addressing racism and bias; advancing diversity: Catherine led a discussion about the current intense discussions happening on SIS listservs. She reminded the members that we can't make a statement as an SIS, but can move to take action either individually or as an SIS. Pauline gave a summary of the SIS Council meeting. Catherine suggested we look at doing more, such as using the blog to advertise and support diversity, actively recruit diverse members, raise our awareness, and open up nominations to the LISP board. Other members suggested partnering with the Caucuses and strengthening ties to library schools.

Message from Chair-Elect (Pauline)

Pauline is excited and anxious to start her year during interesting times, but hopes to focus on how we can provide legal information to people who can't come into the library and how we support the Black Lives Matter movement. She also suggested quarterly Zoom meetings to stay in touch.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm Eastern (5:19 pm Central).

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Almeida