

AALL Online Bibliographic Special Interest Section Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Annual Report, 2016-2017

Activities and Accomplishments

OBS-SIS Member Survey:

This year marked the successful completion of the biennial OBS-SIS membership survey. The survey collects: 1) demographic information on current members, 2) feedback about OBS-SIS resources and initiatives, and 3) ideas for professional development programs. All the survey responses will be used to inform the priorities that the Executive Board sets for the section for 2017-2018.

Fifty-nine section members responded to the survey, which a decent response rate for a group that includes slightly more than 200 members. Survey responses provided a wealth of information about OBS-SIS members and their libraries. Some of the responses, particularly those related to library practices, were shared with the OBS-SIS community via AALL's My Communities throughout the month of May for the benefit of our members. The final question of the survey asked for members to volunteer to help with the section's work. Many of those respondents have been contacted about filling vacant committee assignments, helping with TSLL, etc.

Education Committee:

The Vice-Chair/Chair Elect for 2016-2017 served as a member of the OBS-SIS Education Committee for the 2016 Annual Meeting and became Chair in January of 2017.

In 2016 the OBS-SIS Education Committee successfully proposed this "must have" program that will be presented at the 110th AALL Annual Meeting in July 2017: A6: Linked Data, Your Library and You. This program will be presented by the section's VIP, Scott Carlson, who is the Metadata Coordinator at Rice University. Carlson will also be presenting at a Hot Topic Forum coordinated jointly by OBS-SIS and TS-SIS at the annual meeting in Austin.

Committee and Board Representative Appointments Made in Spring 2017:

OCLC Committee

Emily Dust Nimsakont, Chair (2017-2019)

Local Systems Committee

Keiko Okuhara, Chair (2017-2019)

OBS/TS FROG Committee

Gypsy Moody, Chair (2017-2019)

Lisa Watson, OBS-SIS representative

Rachel Decker, OBS-SIS representative

TSSL Editorial Board
Larissa Sullivant, OBS-SIS Representative (2017-2019)

Respectfully submitted:

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OBS-SIS Vice-Chair, 2016-2017