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AALL Library Systems and Resource Discovery Special Interest Section Chair Annual Report, 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 LSRD-SIS Executive Committee consisted of: Kevin Carey, Chair; Larissa Sullivant, Vice-Chair; Elizabeth Manriquez, Secretary/Treasurer; Heather Buckwalter and Keelan Weber, Members-at-Large; and Jessica Pasquale, Past Chair. Committee Chairs were: Kevin Carey, Education Committee, Jessie Tam, F.R.O.G. Committee, Keiko Okuhara, Local Systems Committee; Jessica Pasquale, Nominating Committee; Christopher Thomas, OCLC Committee; and Barbara Ginzburg, Web Advisory Committee.

Activities and Accomplishments

Section Re-Naming and Bylaws Update:

After 40-plus years of life as AALL's "Online Bibliographic Systems Special Interest Section," the membership voted at the July 2020 Annual Business Meeting to re-name the section as the "Library Systems and Resource Discovery Special Interest Section." The membership then voted to update the section bylaws to incorporate the new name and standardize the language throughout.

The re-naming was the culmination of a several-years-long process which began with member feedback in the 2017 OBS membership survey; a board-designated Special Committee on Repositioning then re-focused the "Object" portion of the section bylaws; and that in turn led to more member feedback and discussion of a possible name-change, out of which LSRD became the clear consensus.



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Programming and Professional Development:

The LSRD-SIS Chair heads the section's Education Committee. The programming proposal and selection timeline for the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting was delayed quite a bit due to uncertainty about whether there would be a physical meeting. The committee solicited the membership for program proposals and reached out to members who had submitted IdeaScale suggestions.

LSRD did have a sponsored program which was selected for the 2021 AALL Annual Conference schedule: "Prescient Privacy at Play: A Spectrum of Terminology and Tools for Administering and Teaching Legal Technology" will be coordinated by LSRD member Rachel Evans, along with several expert speakers, and it is listed as AALL Program J1 at 2:00-3:00 CDT on July 22, 2021.

TS & LSRD Joint (Virtual) Summit:

For the second year in a row, in the absence of a physical AALL conference, LSRD worked with the TS-SIS Professional Development Committee to coordinate a TS/LSRD Joint Summit, to be conducted on July 7-8 and 14-15, 2021, mostly via Zoom meetings.

The 2020 TS/LSRD Joint Summit was held on July 27-28, 2020, and included a Hot Topic session, "Making Post System Migration Efficient," which was coordinated by Keiko Okuhara and held in place of the Local Systems Committee meeting.

The 2021 Joint Summit will include a training session by OCLC on their WorldShare Collection Manager, which was coordinated by Keiko Okuhara and will be held in the OCLC meeting slot on July 8 (via Webex). There will also be a traditional roundtable-format discussion at the Local Systems meeting on July 15, and the LSRD Annual Business Meeting will also be held on July 13, 2021.



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Online Content:

OCLC Committee chair Christopher Thomas shared regular OCLC updates, including recordings and notes from virtual OCLC Cataloging Community meetings.

Website Review:

The LSRD website was initially updated by AALL to replace all instances of the previous section name or abbreviation with the new ones, and the board and Web Advisory Committee continued the ongoing process of website review in order to keep the site current with documentation and reports.

Member-at-Large Keelan Weber was tasked with updating the section brochure to reflect the new name, with both dynamic and print versions of the new brochure now available to promote LSRD.

LSRD's long-standing "Website of the Month" service, by which Keiko Okuhara makes a monthly post to the LSRD list and website, highlighting an online resource and corresponding record, continues to be very popular.

Black Lives Matter and Support for George A. Strait Scholarship Fund:

The OBS-SIS board in the summer of 2020 affirmed that Black Lives Matter to stand in solidarity with the AALL Black Caucus (now the Black Law Librarians SIS) and committed to make a donation to the George A. Strait Scholarship & Fellows Program. The membership subsequently voted to approve a \$300 donation at the 2020 OBS Business Meeting, and the board will propose another donation at the 2021 LSRD Business Meeting.

Membership and Leadership:

LSRD-SIS membership has held fairly steady for several years. As of June 30, 2021, the section has 208 members.

Vice-Chair Larissa Sullivant conducted a biennial survey of the LSRD membership in February; the survey had 42 responses and the results are posted on the LSRD web site.



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The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jessica Pasquale along with Jen Fell and Ismael Gullon, put forward a slate of candidates for officer positions for 2021-2022. The election took place in May with the following members being elected to the Executive Committee: Keiko Okuhara, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Chris Todd, Secretary/Treasurer; and Rachel Evans, Member-at-Large.

The board has also proposed the creation of a new Membership Committee to be discussed at the 2021 LSRD Business Meeting. This committee would focus on member recruitment, retention, engagement, promotion, and support, and could include a mentorship program if there is sufficient interest.

Summary:

2020-2021 was a successful year for LSRD-SIS amidst challenging circumstances. We were successful at providing quality programming in a virtual setting at the Joint Summit and Virtual Meeting last year and expect to do so again this July. The working relationship with the TS Professional Development Committee was so helpful and reflects the strong partnership between our sections. Personally, it has been a gratifying and meaningful experience to be the first chair of LSRD-SIS. Many thanks to all our board members, committee chairs and representatives, and any other members who have pitched in for LSRD.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Carey
LSRD-SIS Chair, 2020-2021