AALL LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND RESOURCE DISCOVERY SIS ANNUAL REPORT, 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 LSRD-SIS Executive Board consisted of: Larissa Sullivant, Chair; Keiko Okuhara, Vice-Chair; Kevin Carey, Past Chair; Chris Todd, Treasurer/Secretary; Keelan Weber and Rachel Evans, Members-at-Large. Committee Chairs were Larissa Sullivant, Education Committee; Jessie Tam, F.R.O.G. Committee; Keiko Okuhara, Local Systems Committee; Jessica Pasquale, Nominating Committee; Christopher Thomas, OCLC Committee; Larissa Sullivant, Membership Committee; and Kevin Carey, Web Advisory Committee.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

December 2021 marked the creation of the LSRD-SIS Membership Committee. The mission of the LSRD-SIS Membership Committee is to recruit new members, retain existing members, encourage diversity, and raise awareness about the importance of diversity in the LSRD-SIS, it will also include a mentorship program for newer law librarians. Our new committee was added to the LSRD-SIS Committees section on our website in January 2022.

PROGRAMMING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The LSRD-SIS Chair heads the section’s Education Committee for the first half of her or his term. From July through December of 2021, the Committee was very active, planning programming and educational opportunities requested by LSRD-SIS members. The committee’s efforts culminated in selection of two LSRD-SIS -coordinated educational programs for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting in Denver:

- Marketing Sustainable Mid-Size Institutional Repositories with No Pennies (Keiko Okuhara and Elizabeth Manriquez)
- You, Too, Can YouTube: Making the Case for Law Library Channels (Aamir Abdullah, Havilah Steinman Bakken, Jason Tubinis)

Additionally, the section coordinated its regular Local Systems roundtable, providing an opportunity to confer with peers using various library systems.
ONLINE CONTENT

LSRD-SIS’s long standing “Website of the Month” service, for which our current Vice Chair Keiko Okuhara sends out a monthly email to the LSRD-SIS community with an online resource and corresponding record, continues to be very popular with our members.

BLACK LIVES MATTER AND SUPPORT FOR GEORGE A. STRAIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The LSRD-SIS board and members have committed to make a perpetual annual donation to the George A. Strait Scholarship & Fellows Program in the amount of $300.

MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

LSRD-SIS membership increased by 33 members during the 2021-2022 year. As of June 1, 2022, our section has 241 members. It is a significant increase considering that LSRD-SIS is a smaller section. This increase hopefully establishes an upward trend in membership numbers going forward.

SUMMARY

In general, 2021-2022 has been a successful and productive year for LSRD-SIS. We continue, however, to struggle with low-member involvement and with differentiating and redirecting LSRD-SIS’s focus from other sections. These challenges may continue in the coming year. Fortunately, we have a core group of active members and leaders who are dedicated to making LSRD-SIS a distinct and visible group, responsive to the needs of its members, a group which continues to lead conversations about library systems, particularly library resources management systems, and discovery systems.