AALL LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND RESOURCE DISCOVERY SIS ANNUAL REPORT, 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 LSRD-SIS Executive Board members were Keiko Okuhara, Chair; Rebecca L Bearden, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Larissa Sullivant, Past Chair; Christopher Todd, Treasurer/Secretary; and Keelan Weber and Bee Bornheimer, Members-at-Large. LSRD-SIS consists of two standing committees and four administrative committees. Christopher Thomas, OCLC Committee; Keiko Okuhara, Local Systems Committee. The administrative committee chairs are Keiko Okuhara, Education Committee; Jessica Pasquale, Nominating Committee; Larissa Sullivant, Membership Committee; and Kevin Carey, Web Advisory Committee. There is one LSRD-SIS and TS-SIS joint committee F.R.O.G. Committee chaired by Jessie Tam.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Revised Object and Amendments to bylaws:
The Executive Board made a proposal to amend bylaws to update the LSRD-SIS object to broaden the scope of tasks of LSRD-SIS and clarify the members of the Executive Board and their duties and terms. In addition to the amendments to bylaws, the Board approved to update the following sections: Overview, Calendar of Events, Committees to bring the content of Website to current. The revised object uniquely identifies the mission of SIS and creates a new infrastructure to carry on a sustainable plan for the future of LSRD-SIS to serve our stakeholders effectively by adapting innovative technologies and to take a lead on the evolution from MARC to the Semantic Web compliant metadata. All of the changes were voted approved by the membership during our annual business meeting in June.

Ad-Hoc Sub-committees:

LSRD-SIS Areas of Interest Website chaired by Keelan Weber, Member-at-Large was created to identify an expert in each area for any questions or guidance to help each other.

Membership Survey Committee chaired by Rebecca Bearden, Vice Chair/Chair Elect reviews the biannual survey questionnaires to be more targeted to assess membership interests, needs and trends to solicit more volunteers and to encourage more membership involvement to strive for the future of our SIS.

Bylaws and Handbook Committee chaired by Kevin Carey and Keiko Okuhara is an extension of what past LSRD board worked on to reexamine the scope of the object to comply with the name of our SIS.

Black Lives Matter to support George A. Strait Scholarship & Fellows Program:
The LSRD-SIS board and members decided to make a perpetual annual donation toward the Scholarship in the amount of $300 in 2021. However, the board found out that the program had received overwhelming financial support and decided to make a donation to the Black Law Librarians SIS (BLL-SIS) instead in the amount of $300 in 2022.
LSRD-SIS Legal Website of Month is a continued monthly base service since 1997. and a list of featured Websites can be found [here](#). Our approved monthly minutes are posted on the LSRD-SIS Website [here](#).

**PROGRAMMING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The LSRD-SIS Chair heads the section’s Education Committee for the first half of her or his term. The LSRD Education Committee chaired by Keiko Okuhara along with its committee members, Jessica Pasquale, Rebecca Bearden, Rachel Sherie Evans, Larissa Sullivan, and Karen E Selden selected two program proposals, which were accepted by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC). They are LSRD-SIS’s hot topic program, “Batch Please: Leveraging Batch Record Loading for Integrated Library System Improvements and Enhancing Resource Discovery” to introduce a fresh perspective on batch record loading including Institutional Repositories (IRs) and to identify specific tools for transferring, downloading, uploading and working with batches of records. The other program is about linked data to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in our online library catalog, “Discovering Diversity through Linked Data” In addition LSRD-SIS will host a VIP program on FOLIO (Future Of Libraries Is Open), an open source library systems platform, and the thriving community that is collaborating on its continuing development with Kathleen Berry at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Libraries moderated by Lauren Seney at the University of Colorado Law School. Most of the work of LSRD-SIS is completed by our committees. Detailed of their activities for the 2022-2023 may be found [here](#), but I would like to highlight on the Webinar on Indigenous people in February 2023, coordinated by OCLC Committee Chair, Christopher Thomas. This panel was hosted by three panelists and discussion focus was on the recently published report from Reimagine Descriptive Workflows: A Community-informed Agenda for Reparative and Inclusive Descriptive Practice The Native perspectives from the panelists were well discussed and we were hopeful that a good community based effort would be put forward for the reparative and inclusive descriptive practice in our library catalogs.

**SUMMARY**

The board resumes monthly meetings in 2022-2023, and the committee chairs were encouraged to attend the board meeting. In our biennial membership survey administered by our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Rebecca L. Bearden, in February 2023, the survey had 61 responses, and we found some interesting comparison and outcomes. In the last survey in 2021, over 40 % of respondents have worked in law libraries for 20+ years, however in the 2023 survey, over 50% of respondents worked for less than a year or five years, indicating that there is a change in our demography. Plus, we found some positive feedback about our SIS. Over 80% of respondents were either satisfied or extremely satisfied with our SIS events to meet their expectation for networking; pertaining to their work interests or responsibilities; and keeping abreast with the law library systems and platforms. Although we know we need to improve, we are very humbled and encouraged by these responses.
We appreciate all helpful feedback and suggestions to educate the board how we could serve the membership better and to introduce useful tools and program ideas. Also, some work through Ad-hoc committees will be continued as Strategic Planning and Areas of Interest Committees in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by
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2022-2023 LSRS-SIS Chair