

2024-2025 LSRD-SIS ANNUAL REPORT

The 2024-2025 LSRD-SIS Executive Board members were Joe Cera, Chair; Ben Carlson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Rebecca Bearden, Past Chair; Sam Cabo, Secretary/Treasurer; and Bee Bornheimer and Sam Thorne. Members-at-Large. The LSRD-SIS committee chairs were Christopher Thomas, OCLC Committee; Keiko Okuhara, Local Systems Committee; Joe Cera / Ben Carlson, Education Committee; Keiko Okuhara, Nominating Committee; Bee Bornheimer, Membership Committee; Chi Song, Web Advisory Committee; Ben Carlson, Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee. The LSRD-SIS representatives for the Technical Services Law Librarian (TSLL) publication were Adam Cash and Jake Kubrin. The LSRD-SIS and TS-SIS joint committee, Funding Research Opportunities Grants (FROG) Committee was chaired by Jessie Tam and the LSRD-SIS representatives were Elain Kong and Jennifer Noga.

Activities and Accomplishments

This year the member survey added additional questions covering questions we have asked in past years and including questions from coding and programming to questions about institutional repositories as all of these areas have been areas of growth for the SIS. LSRD also continued the trend towards increased communication and collaboration with TS-SIS. In addition to the LSRD and TS Chairs meeting on a regular basis, the LSRD Education Committee had two members who also served on the TS Professional Development Committee. There is room for improvement on how this is carried out but it was an improvement over last year when it came to coordination. Additionally, LSRD joined TS in hosting the early career roundtables where newer librarians had an opportunity to discuss issues relevant to their experiences. The Website Advisory Committee made some huge improvements to the organization of the LSRD presence on the AALL website.

Programming and Professional Development

The newest introduction to the LSRD programming was LSRD Office Hours. This event took place every other month and offered an opportunity for informal conversation about a selected topic. Topics included a general orientation to the LSRD-SIS, coding, and data cleanup among other things. This recurring event highlighted that informal opportunities to connect are important to our communities.

The Local Systems Committee held Fall and Winter meetings for discussion and practical demonstrations relating to local systems. The Fall meeting focused on the theme of Reporting

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Comparisons Between Systems: Alma and Folio and the winter meeting had a brief presentation about Worldshare Management Services. The Education Committee hosted a number of programs throughout the year including a follow up to the Taking the Mystery Out of Discovery program that took place at AALL in Chicago. There was also a program that discussed coding from the viewpoint of 'what would I use this for?' Lastly, the LSRD-SIS sponsored program that was accepted is called Leveraging Data and Technology in Law Libraries, proposed by Qi Huang. This program contributes to highlighting the changing nature of work in libraries behind the scenes as it relates to decision making about the systems we use to provide services.

Summary

The Executive Board met monthly from July 2024 – May 2025 and held the FY2024 Annual Business Meeting in June 2024. The outgoing 2024-2025 and incoming 2025-2026 Executive Board meeting will be held in July. Committee chairs were encouraged to attend all board meetings to report on the committee activities.

The Nominating Committee recruited a strong slate of qualified candidates and the LSRD-SIS election was conducted electronically in April 2025 with a total of 67 ballots cast. Our incoming officers are Karen M. Scoville, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 2025-2028, Chi Song, Secretary/Treasurer, 2025-2027, and Kim Martin, Member-at-Large 2025-2027.

LSRD-SIS entered FY2024 with a balance of \$6,398.88. The most recent financial statement, dated Jan-Mar 2025, reported a balance of \$5,530.55. This year's expenses include a \$430.00 contribution to the LSRD/TS FROG Committee and programming fees and incidentals from AALL in Chicago 2024.

As of September 2024, LSRD-SIS had 258 members. This is steady as compared to September 2023 when the SIS had 250 members. The count for 2025 will be updated in September. We have been fortunate to have an active and dedicated core from the LSRD-SIS community which resulted in having enough volunteers to fill all committee positions and provide support to our membership. This year marks one of positive growth in expertise and engagement which is due, in large part, to the excellent people serving on the board and committees and the hard work put into all of the volunteer roles.

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