Professional Engagement, Growth, and Advancement Special Interest Section
2016-2017 Annual Report

The officers of the Professional Engagement Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section during 2016-17 were Michelle Hook Dewey, Chair; Deborah Schander, Vice-Chair; Susan Gualtier, Secretary/Treasurer; and Eve Ross, Member-at-Large.

PEGA Committee Reports

- Treasury report (Presented by Susan Gualtier) - As of March 31, the PEGA-SIS account held a total of $2093.18. The SIS anticipates conference-related expenses in the amounts of $500 for the PEGA-SIS social and approximately $300 for conference materials and printing. PEGA-SIS currently has around 150 members, and our portion of the dues from these members will deposited into the PEGA-SIS account in September.

- Events Committee (Chair not present, Michelle Hook Dewey reported) – We will have two events in Austin: the PEGA Party, which is for both members and non-members, will be held at 8pm on Saturday night at Speakeasy, and Beer & Edits, our scholarly networking event, will be held in the lobby bar of the Hilton from 5:15 until 6:45 on Sunday.

- Marketing Committee (Jordan Jefferson) – in the past year, PEGA started a newsletter using an online service called SMORE (which Malikah Hall will demo during the Cool Tools program on Tuesday.) We have had two successful features: “Ask PEGA,” an advice column relating to professional development, and “Show Us Your Shelfie,” which profiles individual PEGA members. The committee has also been working on marketing materials for the Annual Meeting, which this year are based around a superhero theme.

- Programming Committee (Chair not present, Michelle Hook Dewey reported) – the cost of sponsoring AALL programming has so far been prohibitive; however, we continue to look for alternate programming opportunities. Earlier this year, the SIS held a webinar featuring a guest speaker and focusing on strategic career planning.

- Nominations Committee (Anne Robbins) – PEGA-SIS held a successful election for the positions of Vice Chair and Member at Large.

The gavel was passed and incoming officers were installed. The 2017-2018 Board consists of:

- Deborah Schander, Chair
- Michelle Hook Dewey, Immediate Past Chair
- Malikah Hall, Vice Chair
- Susan Gualtier, Secretary/Treasurer
- Kristen Rowlett, Member at Large

Induction of the new Chair - Deborah Schander
After accepting the gavel, Deborah spoke briefly about her strategic plans for the SIS in the coming year including:

- continuing to focus on growing our membership
- planning more programming as the treasury increases
- focusing on our online community, creating a professional development resource library, and
- generally being a constant source of support throughout the year when it comes to any issues relating to professional development.

Deborah also encouraged the membership to reach out if they were interested in volunteering for committees.