

Professional Engagement, Growth, and Advancement Special Interest Section

Annual Report 2018 – 2019

The officers of the Professional Engagement Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section during 2018-19 were:

- *Malikah Hall*, Chair;
- *Deborah Schander*, Immediate Past Chair;
- *Patrick Parsons*, Vice-Chair;
- *Andrew Lang*, Secretary/Treasurer; and
- *Kristen Rowlett*, Member-at-Large.

Minutes

This year, PEGA-SIS held its meeting virtually in the last week of June. Malikah Hall called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Malikah Hall, President, gave a brief overview of the SIS's work over the past year:

- We voted to approve the 2018 Virtual Business Meeting Minutes.
- Charge for 2019 was to focus on planning and the future of PEGA
- Ongoing programs are still in place. The PEGA Party will take place on Saturday, July 13th, Beer & Edits will take place on Sunday, July 14th.
- We have a lot of members presenting at the conference and there's a list of the programs, discussion dens, and poster presentations that has been shared with the SIS.
- This year we are launching an inaugural roundtable with ALLNEW where we will discuss ways to cooperate in the future and potentially co-sponsor different activities that support our mutual goals.
- The next issue of the SMORE Newsletter will be available soon.
- After adjusting the committee term lengths last year, we have continued to develop the committee structure by creating charges. We have developed charges for the standing committees.
- In seeking to continue to engage our members, we will put out a call for committee members after the conference.

Andy Lang gave the treasurer's report:

- As of the most recent quarterly statement, which ended on May 31, 2019, PEGA-SIS had \$5,633.44 in its account. This is over \$1300 more than we had last year at the same time.
- We received a generous sponsorship from Hein for our social event this year that will cover the bulk of the expenses; any remaining costs will be paid from the PEGA-SIS treasury, though we anticipate these will be about \$200 or less.
- We anticipate a few minor conference-related expenses for printing, swag, etc.

Individual PEGA members provided committee reports:

- **By-Laws Committee:**
 - The new by-laws which included changes to the Annual Business Meeting Requirements, Committees and included gender neutral language was passed by the PEGA-SIS community on September 18, 2018.
- **Beer & Edits Committee:**
 - In August, B&E launched an online scholarly matchmaking service to connect writers and editors. So far, a number of editors have registered with the service but no writers have.
 - In December, in collaboration with the ALL-SIS Research & Scholarship Committee, B&E hosted an AALL webinar entitled: "Editor Insights: A Webinar Panel on Publishing Your Writing." Panelists for the webinar included:
 - Mike Chiorazzi, Editor of Legal Reference Services Quarterly
 - Tom Gaylord, Editor of Law Library Journal
 - James Levy, Editor-in-Chief of Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing
 - Susan Nevelow Mart, Editor of the Legal Information Review
 - Kristina L. Niedringhaus, Editorial Director of AALL Spectrum
 - B&E will once again be hosting a networking event at the AALL Annual Meeting. The event will be held from 5:15-6:15 on Sunday, July 14th from 5:15-6:15pm in the Marriott Marquis Lobby Bar. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.
 - In addition to the networking event at the Annual Meeting, the B&E committee is arranging a small meetup with members of the ALL-SIS & RIPS-SIS scholarship committees in the hopes that we can increase collaboration in the coming year.

- The committee also requested and was approved a budget of \$150 for B&E specific giveaways for the AALL Annual Meeting. This year we will have buttons and coasters.
- Next year, we hope to host a virtual networking event, similar to the annual meeting event. We will likely collaborate with the RIPS-SIS and ALL-SIS scholarship committees to host this event.
- **Education and Programming Committee:**
 - Last year these two committees were combined because their efforts were almost redundant.
 - Although PEGA does not yet have the resources to sponsor programs, we will provide feedback and comments on program proposals. This year the committee reviewed several programs, though unfortunately none were accepted for the AALL Annual Meeting.
- **Nominations Committee:**
 - The call for nominations was sent out via the PEGA listserv on April 5, 2019, with the nominations window concluding April 26, 2019. The Committee recruited two nominees for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and four nominees for Member-at-Large.
 - Voting concluded on May 17, 2019. The nominations committee submitted the elections results to the executive board, and communicated the results via the PEGA listserv on May 20, 2019: Candle Wester will be our new Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Savanna Nolan will be our new Member-at-Large.
- **Outreach and Publications Committee**
 - The publications and outreach committee will publish 3 volumes of the newsletter this year in addition to our marketing efforts in Washington DC.
 - Newsletter: The PEGA Newsletter is finishing its 3rd year of publication. For 2018-2019 we will publish 3 issues- the fall 2018 issue, Winter/Spring 2019 issue and the conference issue in July 2019. Each volume contains contributions from committee members- A Writer's Network, the beer and edits column explore the scholar librarian; The Nook: Simple Tips for Self-Care, written by Candle Wester, recognizes the harm of stress and demonstrates the numerous ways in which we can take time for ourselves; Show Us Your Shelfie is our member feature wherein we learn about our membership via Q/A and a trip through our member's bookshelves. Our last regular feature is our career advice column, How to Build A Better Librarian, written by Deborah Schander.

- Marketing @ Annual Meeting: 2019 marks the 5-year anniversary of PEGA-SIS. Our marketing will reflect art and artists whose work has been displayed in DC. The working title is PEGA-SIS A Retrospective: 5 years of taking flight.
 - Jordan Jefferson is stepping down as chair of the Outreach and Publications Committee. We are very sad to see her go, but are extremely grateful for the work that she has done on behalf of PEGA-SIS.
- **Social Committee**
 - The PEGA Party is July 13th at Baby Wale, purchased 200 drink tickets (up to \$9) and some light refreshments. Attendees will be required to sign in so that we can develop a list of potential members and committee volunteers.
 - Total cost for event came out to \$3266.25
 - Unexpected challenges in planning this year because of uncertainty surrounding sponsorship
 - Future Committee leaders and PEGA Chair should contact AALL no later than February of 2020 for sponsorship information.
 - We will get more information at Leadership Training this year regarding sponsorship

Passing of the Gavel to the new chair – Patrick Parsons

After the committees finished their reports, Malikah thanked the board, committees, and membership for the opportunity to serve as the chair before passing the gavel to new Chair Patrick Parsons.

The 2019 -2020 board is installed as:

- *Patrick Parsons*, Chair;
- *Malikah Hall*, Immediate Past Chair;
- *Candle Wester*, Vice Chair;
- *Andrew Lang*, Secretary/Treasurer;
- *Savanna Nolan*, Member at Large.

Patrick hopes to continue expanding partnerships with other SISes, grow PEGA's membership, increase committee participation, and generally work to ensure that our SIS continues to operate sustainably with an eye toward the long-term preservation of institutional knowledge.