

American Association of Law Libraries
Research Instruction and Patron Services - Special Interest Section

Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 15, 2006
America's Center, St. Louis, Missouri

Call to Order

The 2006 Business Meeting of the RIPS-SIS was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by SIS Vice-Chair Jessie Burchfield.

Old Business

A. Committee Reports

The following committees submitted reports:

1. Strategic Planning - Sheri Lewis presented the report. Sheri worked on the RIPS strategic plan in conjunction with Deana Barmakian. The previous strategic plan was updated including addition of a mission statement. A vote was held to approve the RIPS strategic plan and was passed unopposed.

2. Grants - Ron Wheeler presented the report on behalf of himself and committee members, Lynn Murray and James Durham. Katherine Fitz of the Sacramento County Law Library was awarded the inaugural RIPS AALL registration grant. Katherine will write an article about the AALL annual meeting for the RIPS newsletter. There were 15 applicants total.

3. Teach In Kit - Jennifer S. Murray presented the report on behalf of Gail Partin. Over 650 kits were distributed. All contributions are also available on the Legal Research Sourcebook on the ALL-SIS website. Lexis withdrew support for the Just Ask notepads.

4. Newsletter - Ron Wheeler presented the report on behalf of Michelle Rigual. Michelle and Deana Barmakian shared editorial duties. Three issues were published. Each had a theme: ILL/Document Delivery, Team Teaching, and Outreach. Michelle will be assuming full responsibility for editorial duties this coming year. Eric Gilson, RIPS webmaster, has been promptly putting the newsletters online.

5. Membership - Peggy McDermott presented the report. Melissa Serfass purchased RIPS pens for marketing. The committee will consider whether to revise the brochure for next year if AALL will support the revision financially.

6. Legal Research - Mark Silverman presented the report. The committee hosted the reference roundtable at the conference and authored book reviews. One project for next year will be a survey of research classes taught by librarians at each law school.

7. Program Committee - Jessie Burchfield presented the report. 7 out of 9 programs submitted by the committee were accepted last year. Irene Good will be the chair of the committee and should receive any new proposals this coming year.

8. Nominations - Melissa Serfass presented the report on behalf of Kelly Browne. There was an excellent slate of candidates this year, and everyone was thanked for running. A new nominations committee chair is needed for next year.

9. Briefs in Law Librarianship - Bobbie Studwell presented the report. Two new BILLS were published. A Survey on Access and Teaching of Alternative Legal Research Using Internet Portals and Gateways by Sarah Hooke Lee, Assistant Dean for Information and Research Services and Associate Professor, Northeastern University School of Law and a Survey on Staff Development Policies: AALL Briefs in Law Librarianship, by Barbara Glennan, Electronic Services Librarian, California Western School of Law Library. There are two BILLS in progress by Matthew Wright and Ann Cottingim

10. Discussion List - Coral Henning will continue to administer RIPS listserv.

B. Annual Report to Membership

Jessie Burchfield delivered the address on behalf of Deanna Barmakian. All new members were welcomed. RIPS offered an AALL annual meeting registration grant for the first time this year. The recipient was Kathryn Fitz. RIPS also adopted a new strategic plan. The Legal Research Committee compiled a bibliography of annotated legal research texts. Two new BILLS were published. And RIPS distributed 665 Teach In Kits. Pamela Melton represented RIPS at the AALL Education Summit held in 2005. 7 out of 9 programs RIPS sponsored were accepted. 17% of RIPS membership voted in the election which is average. Unfortunately, Lexis withdrew support of the Just Ask notepads, and we will seek a new sponsor next year. There will be several initiatives for next year including increasing participation among non-academic members, a website redesign, and updating documents on the website.

C. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jennifer S. Murray and will be published in the RIPS newsletter subsequent to the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting.

New Business

A. Minutes from last year's meeting were approved by the membership.

Closing Statements

Jessie thanked all who served as officers. RIPS awarded two \$25 gift certificate door prizes. Next year's officers will be Jessie Burchfield, Chair, Irene Good, Vice-Chair, Lynn Murray, Member-at-Large, and Eric Gilson, Member-at-Large.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer S. Murray, RIPS-SIS Secretary