

RIPS-SIS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2026

TO: RIPS-SIS Members

FROM: RIPS-SIS Executive Board

RE: March 2026 RIPS Board Meeting

In Attendance: Sara, Emily, Julia, Olivia

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the minutes for last month's meeting.

- Motion to approve the minutes
- Minutes approved – unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Jessa Feiler, Julie Tedjeske Crane
- DEI Officer - Aaron Black, Catherine Davenport
- Member-at-Large - Aamir Abdullah, Austin Waters
- Vote: unanimous approval for slate of candidates
- Emily and Sara will work with Chris Siwa and the nominations committee to organize a vote in April.

BYLAWS VOTING

- Sara posted the notice on the RIPS listserv on Feb. 11
- Emily will reach out to Chris Siwa to coordinate to have the Bylaws vote since the 30-day notice period has passed (have it asap but open for a couple of weeks and must end before April 13)
- Emily will also coordinate the vote for the candidates from the nominations committee (which will be April 13-24).

REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SCREEN THE DOCUMENTARY FILM THE LIBRARIANS

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RESEARCH INSTRUCTION & PATRON SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

- Fighting for the Freedom to Read: Law Library Edition, Monday July 20, 2026, from 3:45-4:45pm.
- Help with costs of the producer and one of the librarians to appear virtually at AALL.
- Virtual appearance fees for Kim Snyder \$2,000, virtual appearance of a librarian from the documentary \$500, so \$2,500 total. The hope is that multiple SIS's will contribute.
 - Vote to contribute \$500 to cover these fees for the program – vote unanimous.
- Julia will ask Ruth Gonzalez and AALL about the best options to contribute our funding for this AALL panel. We would like to contribute to the virtual appearance fees of two participants on this panel.

PENGUIN FROM OHIO HAS BEEN ADOPTED

- Stuffed animal penguin and adoption certificate will be raffled at SIS annual meeting.

COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

- **Teach-In Kit Committee** – All submissions are ready to upload, just waiting on some cover sheets. There was a merger committee meeting last week, and most folks seemed to agree on a platform to use at that meeting. Chris Siwa and others have to sign off on it.
- **TiK Task Force** – The TiK Task Force meeting to demo the two options for a platform to host a merged ALL-SIS Sourcebook and RIPS TiK is this Friday, 3/13; Sara and Emily have both been invited and we'll be able to report back to the board after
- **Scholarship Committee** – No updates
- **Research Skills & Instruction** – No updates
- **PR Committee**- Working on interviews for the candidates and their deadline to complete all of them is March 31st.
- **Program Committee** – “Using Legal Research Performance Task Questions: From Creation to Implementation” was chosen by the Program committee.
- **Patron Services** – No updates
- **Nominations** – Slate of candidates was sent to board and approved.
- **Grants Committee** – Announcement for awards/grants went out last week (around March 5th) and they are now soliciting applications that are due between March 20 and April 3, depending on the award/grant.
- **DEI Committee** – No updates

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- **Outreach and Mentorship** – No updates
- **RIPS Blog** – No updates