FROM THE CHAIR

It is already June, and this means we are only a month away from this year’s AALL meeting. For me, this is a bittersweet moment. This year has marked my first real involvement in AALL and what a treat this has been. I was able to meet or e-meet many of you and become an active member of our amazing community. I have taken on projects never imagined possible, some which I have completed and others which I look forward to continue.

I can only reiterate the feelings shared a couple of years ago by Stacy Etheredge, then the SR-SIS Chair who, reading the previous year’s minutes, realized that had been one of the best business meetings she had ever attended in all her years of AALL attendance – big turnout, discussion going back and forth, ideas popping, and people getting to know each other. The energy level she experienced, I experienced, and like her I can say I love this SIS and the people in it. We might have differences of opinion or differences of the way we do things, but we all do truly care about our mission and the best way to accomplish it.

This year, we have continued to work hard. Our members have made remarkable contributions from blogosphere to print. We have continued and expanded the meaning of teamwork. There is a new LISP/SR Blog. There are RISP book reviews. There is an annotated bibliography where librarians have taken on new roles as doctrinal and information experts, leading the way to a future of closer academic partnership. Our members are actively promoting the values of our profession and holding themselves and our professional organization to those standards. At the annual conference, our membership continues to represent us in programs upholding our foundational core values to “act as a stimulus to the Association and its members by focusing attention on, providing a forum for discussion of, exchanging information about, and proposing resolutions on critical social issues that affect library workers as members of the profession and as members of the human family.” We have created committees to look into how to protect our patrons’ privacy and how to better serve the underserved. We collect children’s books for charitable institutes as well as toiletries. We educate our patrons and ourselves. Through these efforts and so many more, we have made a difference in AALL and in our communities.

We did so much, and the standing committees will speak for themselves, so they can tell you about the extraordinary things going on.

Thus, I urge you to use this newsletter (whose content we owe to its fantastic editor, Meg Butler, and its publishing to our webmaster, Davis Holt) to get inspired. Become involved, and join a standing committee. If you have an idea for something that we should be thinking about or working on, then send it along to the Executive Board (Jane, Sara, Cindy, CJ, and myself) or the standing committees’ chairs. We have achieved so much, that only now we can get a glimpse of how much more we can aspire to do.

On this note, I want to thank all of you for everything you have done and especially for what you continue to achieve. It has been a privilege to work and dream with you.

Dana Neacsu
SR-SIS Chair 2017-2018
Columbia University – School of Law
Sixty-three donations were made and a total of $1,697.24 was raised to offset 282 tonnes of carbon dioxide created from air travel.

**UPDATE: COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**2017 AALL Annual Meeting Travel Carbon Offset Project**

The Committee worked with AALL to promote a travel offset project for the 2017 AALL annual meeting. Sixty-three donations were made and a total of $1,697.24 was raised to offset 282 tonnes of carbon dioxide created from air travel. This represents about 13% of the total air travel carbon footprint for the conference.

For more information on the 2017 project including the valuable social benefits, see: [https://www.aallnet.org/srsis/resources-publications/projects/aall-conference-travel-offset-project/](https://www.aallnet.org/srsis/resources-publications/projects/aall-conference-travel-offset-project/)

**AALL Webinar: Law Librarians as Change Agents: Implementing Sustainability** (August 24, 2017)

David Selden worked with Deby Stabler (a non-AALL consultant) to produce and present an AALL sponsored webinar on how law librarians can become active in their library/organization’s sustainability efforts. Here is the webinar description:

Law librarians have an opportunity to become organizational leaders in sustainability and justice. There is an opportunity to catalyze action to improve communities. Using AALL’s recent sustainability resolution as a guide, librarians will learn how to be change agents by increasing organizational management’s commitment to sustainability, health and wellness. Participants will learn effective strategies to integrate sustainability into an organization and how to leverage their research, communication, and project planning skills to facilitate an action plan. Hear from a sustainability expert and successful sustainability achievements within a law firm.

Attendees will learn:

- strategies and techniques to increase organizational commitment to sustainability actions.
- best practices for instituting sustainability initiatives.
- how to apply key principles of planning and action and build a sustainability template

See also attached webinar slides.

**2018 Annual Meeting Travel Carbon Offset Project**

The committee has launched the same carbon offset project for 2018 as we did in 2017. See above for details and visit here to donate! [https://www.cooleffect.org/content/news/aall](https://www.cooleffect.org/content/news/aall)

David Selden
Chair, Committee on Environmental Sustainability

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**POSTERS PRESENTED BY SR MEMBERS**

**Preserving Electronic Government Information: PEGI Project**
Scott Matheson

**GOALL: Global Online Access to Legal Information**
Stacia Stein

Come to the exhibit hall during the poster session presentation period on Monday, July 16, from 8:45 to 9:45 AM to see posters presented by our members!

The themes for posters include information management, marketing and outreach, professionalism and leadership, research and analysis, and teaching and training.

Posters will be available for viewing when the exhibit hall is open.
UPDATE: STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

Thanks to the tireless work of Editors in Chief Dana Neacsu and David Holt, Contributing Editor Margaret (Meg) Butler, and a tremendous team of volunteer contributors, the updated edition of Sexual Orientation and the Law has been submitted to Hein and is in the review process. The expected title is *Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, and the Law: A Research Bibliography 2006 - 2016*, and I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for its final publication!

There was no Alan Holoch Memorial Grant distributed this year. An offer was made, but the potential recipient had secured funding from other sources and so declined the grant. The funds carry over, to be distributed at the discretion of next year’s committee.

Please join the SCSOGI at our annual business meeting on Sunday, July 15 at 5:15 pm at the Hilton Blake (Second Floor of the Hilton Baltimore).

The annual Alan Holoch Memorial Grant Reception fundraiser will take place at 8 pm at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, French Kitchen, which is about a 7-minute walk from the Convention Center. This year also marked the first time attendees were able to register for the reception in advance (with payment via credit card), as part of the AALL Annual Meeting Registration process. This offering was a tremendous success, with 41 attendees signing up via pre-registration. Please remember though, that everyone is welcome to attend our event and pre-registration was not required. Cash (but not credit card) will be accepted at the door, with a suggested donation of $10.

R. Martin Witt, Chair 2017-2018  
Head of Public Services  
Columbia Law Library

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ALAN HOLOCH MEMORIAL GRANT RECEPTION

The Alan Holoch Memorial Grant was initially funded by a bequest, and the fund is replenished annually by the donations of attendees at the reception.

In the early days of the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (the name of the committee has changed over the years), the location of the reception was a secret disseminated largely by word of mouth, from member to member. In the Annual Meeting program, the event was just listed as “offsite.” As the social stigma of identifying as LGBTQI has lessened over time, the publicity around the reception location has become more open.

Some years, as in Portland in 20XX, handouts with the location and a map were available if you visited the SR table in the exhibit hall. In more recent years, the actual location of the reception has been included in the Annual Meeting program, and attendance at the reception has bloomed—all for the benefit of the grant!

This year marks the first year that attendees could register for the reception in advance, marking another move forward toward equality for all.
UPDATE: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This year the SR-SIS Education Committee did something different! In 2017, the SR board voted to establish a new grant, the SR-SIS Education & Awareness Grant. The board charged the education committee with administering it.

The purpose of the SR-SIS Education & Awareness Grant is to support a wide variety of projects that relate to SR-SIS priorities. The subject matter supported by this Grant will rotate each year to ensure that projects related to the work of each of the SR-SIS’ standing committees will receive support:

2017-2018: Projects related to Disability Issues
2018-2019: Projects related to Environmental Sustainability
2019-2020: Projects related to Assistance for Prisoners
2020-2021: Projects related to Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity

The education committee was thrilled to recommend to the board that the inaugural grant be given to SCDI Chair AJ Blechner and SCDI member Sarah Ann Lewis. Their proposal was truly outstanding and the board awarded funding up to $1,000 for:

production of four lecture videos featuring experts in disability issues covering a number of topics. Some topics might include: PTSD, anxiety and depression, space design, and electronic access. In addition to funds to compensate experts and cover their travel and incidental expenses, we also require funds for closed captioning, audio description, and transcript creation for all the videos we produce in order to make them fully accessible.

The videos will be part of a larger difficult conversations toolkit that AJ and Sarah are working on.

SR ELECTION RESULTS

Secretary/Treasurer Lewis Zimmerman announced that Sara Pic has been elected to the position of Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, and Cindy Guyer, has been elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The two will begin their terms of service following the conclusion of the 2018 business meeting.

Members cast 61 ballots in the election for 2018-2019 officers.
“The SR board voted to establish a new grant, the SR-SIS Education & Awareness Grant...to support a wide variety of projects that relate to SR-SIS priorities.”

The toolkit will contain:

- Syllabi for libraries that would like to implement this course of training for their staff.
- Annotated bibliographies providing a general overview of the equal rights law as it is applicable to libraries, the resources available for lawyers and students, law library scholarship on physical disability, accessibility and universal design, and scholarship available on providing services to patrons with mental health issues.
- Glossary of terms related to disability and mental health.
- Four lectures of approximately thirty minutes each featuring experts in providing disability services, on topics ranging from post-traumatic stress disorder and depression and anxiety to making physical spaces accessible and digital access needs of blind and visually impaired patrons.
- Guidelines and prompts for writing library policy regarding assistance to patrons.
- Roleplaying scripts for practicing difficult conversations in a controlled environment. Tip sheet, providing advice and guidance on working with patrons with disabilities.
- Message boards or digital space of where people working the program can interact and ask questions.”

The SR-SIS Education Committee is excited for the results of AJ’s and Sarah’s tremendous work!

And please start thinking about environmental sustainability project ideas for the 2018-2019 grant cycle!
Over the last year the Standing Committee on Disability Issues (SCDI) continued to expand its membership and raise awareness. At the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in 2017, the SCDI provided hundreds of badge ribbons, with the phrases “Not all disabilities are visible,” and “#thefutureisaccessible.” The reception was overwhelmingly positive, and we will be providing these ribbons again at the Annual Meeting in July.

This year we also participated in the Open Forum discussion regarding updates to the Guide to Fair Business Practices and the Code of Best Practices for Licensing Electronic Resources. An entire day of the discussion was devoted to the theme of “Accessibility for Disabled Users,” and many members of SCDI were actively engaged in the discussion. SCDI also participated in advocacy work regarding attitudes toward individuals with mental health issues, the importance of using “people-first” language, and the possibility of further educational opportunities for AALL members.

Currently, SCDI is working to create a course of professional development training to help librarians learn more about serving patrons with differing access needs. The SCDI will be participating in the SR-SIS Joint Standing Committee Business Meeting on Sunday, July 15th from 12:45-2:15 in the Hilton Blake Room.

We are actively seeking new members to help us accomplish all of our important goals for 2019. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to me.

Respectfully Submitted,
AJ Blechner
Chair of the Standing Committee on Disability Issues 2017-2018
Research Librarian & Library Instruction Coordinator
Harvard Law School Library

Diversity & Inclusion Symposium
Hidden Disabilities: Coping, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Accommodations (sponsored by LexisNexis with reception to follow)
When: Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 4 PM
Where: BCC Room 343-344
About 10% of Americans have a hidden disability. Many are entitled to reasonable workplace accommodations. In this panel, librarians with hidden disabilities will discuss their experiences in the workplace, stigmas surrounding their disability, coping, seeking and implementing accommodations, and what colleagues can do to better support and collaborate with them.
ACCESSIBLE WEB DESIGN

Legend has it that a radical group of young disabled activists, known as the Rolling Quads, took to the streets of Berkeley, California, in the early 1970s to create, alongside their attendants, cut curb access for wheelchairs. They smashed existing curbs with sledgehammers and poured concrete ramps to create DIY cutaways on heavily traveled street corners in and around the UC Berkeley campus.

Like all good legends, the details of the story are part fact and part fiction -- the myth of midnight commandos wielding hammers and concrete is probably a bit exaggerated -- but the folklore surrounding this spirited group of determined activists only helps solidify their reputation today as pioneers in the civil rights movement for people with disabilities and as catalysts for the legislative changes that would protect their interests in achieving equality, opportunity, justice, and inclusion.

When devising ways to help those with disabilities navigate public spaces, modifications to the physical world, such as cut curb access, are what we tend to think of first. But in today’s world, many other kinds of accessibility accommodations are necessary as well, specifically with regard to the design and presentation of online content. Digital solutions, such as web design standards that allow for people with visual impairments to interact with content on the Internet, are an important but, unfortunately, often overlooked necessity. To ensure online accessibility for all, web designers need to package information in ways that account for differences in how people consume digital content.

Accessible web design is one solution but so is the development of apps that remove barriers for people with disabilities, allowing them to navigate the world more easily. The cut curb access points that early disability rights advocates helped to create are now mapped in the digital realm for the benefit of those who travel on wheels.

The common goal of all these solutions (including both the physical accommodations in the world we inhabit every day and the virtual environment that demands an increasing amount of our time and attention) is to ease access and navigability. Improving the user experience for all people should be a shared goal of web developers and those in the tech community, and people with disabilities must not be left out of the design equation. Whether the solution involves concrete changes to the physical environment, such as the cut curb access created by the Rolling Quads, or requires intangible changes to the virtual world, such as web design modifications for easier access to information and ideas, the obligation to accommodate everyone is very real.

Contributed by:
Heather Holmes
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Harris County Law Library
GO FURTHER:
BOOKS ON DISABILITY RIGHTS AND HISTORY

Douglas C. Baynton, *Defectives in the Land: Disability and Immigration in the Age of Eugenics* (2016)

Liat Ben-Moshe et al. (eds.), *Disability Incarcerated: Imprisonment and Disability in the United States and Canada* (2014)


Alison Kafer, *Feminist, Queer, Crip* (2013)


Sarah F. Rose, *No Right to Be Idle: The Invention of Disability, 1840s–1930s* (2017)


Contributed by:
Sara V. Pic
Research Lawyer/Librarian
Law Library of Louisiana

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**20th Annual SR-SIS Children’s Book Drive**

This year’s recipient is the Maryland Book Bank, a Baltimore organization that distributes free children’s books to families, teachers, schools, and organizations throughout Maryland.

You can help by ordering a book online from the Amazon wish list (search AALL 2018), and remember to select the Maryland Book Bank shipping address.

You can also send checks or online bookstore gift cards to the book drive co-coordinator Josh LaPorte at Boston University School of Law.
SR-SIS ROUNDTABLES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

SR-SIS Assistance for Prisoners, SCDI (Disability Issues), and Environmental Sustainability - Joint Standing Committees Meeting
Sunday, July 15 12:45pm - 2:15pm Hilton Blake

SR-SIS SC on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Business Meeting
Sunday, July 15 5:15pm - 6:30pm Hilton Blake

SR-SIS SC on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Reception
Sunday, July 15 8:00pm - 11:00pm Lord Baltimore Hotel, 20 West Baltimore Street

GLL/LISP/SR-SIS Roundtable on Law Library Services to Prisoners and Public Patrons
Monday, July 16 3:30pm - 4:30pm Hilton Holiday Ballroom 4-5

SR-SIS Business Meeting
Monday, July 16 5:00pm - 6:30pm Hilton Calloway AB

SR-SIS PROGRAMS INVOLVING MEMBERS

Workshop: Internal Assessment and Peer Benchmarking in Academic Law Libraries: The Advanced Session
Saturday, July 14 1:00pm - 5:00pm OFFSITE
Christine Iaconeta

Medical Marijuana: A Growing Reality
Sunday, July 15 2:30pm - 3:30pm BCC Room 339-340
Catherine Lemann

Reaching the Invisible Customer
Sunday, July 15 2:30pm - 3:30pm BCC Ballroom I
Karen Selden

Research Training at the Point of Need
Sunday, July 15 2:30pm - 3:30pm BCC Room 324-326
Michael Saint-Onge

Diversity & Inclusion Symposium: Hidden Disabilities: Coping, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Accommodations, Sunday, July 15 4:00pm - 5:15pm BCC Room 343-344
Sarah Ann Lewis

Uncertainty Management: A Tool to Assist Self-Represented Litigants
Sunday, July 15 4:00pm - 5:00pm BCC Room 337-338
Karen Westwood & Paul Healey

SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The Library Service to Prisoners Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 12:45-2:15. The meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Environmental Sustainability Committee. This will be held in Hilton Room 400.

The GLL/LISP/SR Joint Roundtable on Law Library Services to Prisoners and Public Patrons is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 3:30-4:30 PM. It will be held in ACC Room 6B.

Stacy Etheredge, Chair 2016 -2017
Associate Director of the Law Library, Boise Campus University of Idaho College of Law
Data Mining for Meaning: The Law and Corpus Linguistics Project
Monday, July 16 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 339-340
Karen Selden

The Foibles of FOIA: How to File and Respond to a Freedom of Information Act Request
Monday, July 16 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 341-342
Sarah Lamdan

Hot Topic: Modern-Day Debtors’ Prisons: The Criminalization of Poverty and Those Who Profit from It
Monday, July 16 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 324-326
Avery Le

Library Services for Communities Living in Fear
Monday, July 16 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 337-338
Marcelo Rodriguez

Don’t Just Hire the Best—Keep Them
Monday, July 16 11:30am - 12:30pm BCC Room 327-329
Kristina J. Alayan

Our Knowledge Put into Action: Helping Public Librarians Learn Basic Legal Research
Monday, July 16 11:30am - 12:30pm BCC Room 341-342
Liz Reppe

Changing Paths and Opening Doors: Transferring Skills

Across Law Library Types and Sectors
Monday, July 16 2:00pm - 3:00pm BCC Room 318-319/321-322
Kristina J. Alayan

Copyright, Digitize, and Lend: What You Need to Know
Monday, July 16 2:00pm - 3:00pm BCC Room 337-338
Kyle Courtney

Top Ten Tips for Teaching Administrative Law Research
Monday, July 16 2:00pm - 3:00pm BCC Room 324-326
Courtney Selby & Jason Sowards

The PEGI Project: Preserving Electronic Government Information
Tuesday, July 17 8:30am - 9:30am BCC Room 327-329
Scott Matheson

Innovation Tournament
Tuesday, July 17 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 339-340
John W. Adkins & Ronald E. Wheeler Jr.

Lightning Lessons: Research Instruction in a Flash
Tuesday, July 17 10:00am - 11:00am BCC Room 327-329
AJ Blechner

TEDAALL: Library Leaders Share Their Ethics Stories and Challenges
Tuesday, July 17 10:00am -
SR-SIS Programs Involving Members (Cont’d)

11:00am BCC Room 341-342
Greg Lambert & Steven P. Anderson

Cool Tools Café
Tuesday, July 17 11:30am – 12:30pm BCC Room 327-329
Iain Barksdale

The Shape of Future Libraries: Planning Orientation for 2018 and Beyond
Tuesday, July 17 11:30am - 12:30pm BCC Room 343-344
Victoria Szymczak

Training the Lawyers of Tomorrow Through the Clinics of Today: Three Models for Practical Library Services in Clinical Law School Settings and Beyond
Tuesday, July 17 11:30am - 12:30pm BCC Room 339-340
Lisa Winkler & Stephanie Wilson
Call to Order and Introductions.

Chair Stefanie Pearlman calls meeting to order at 5:07pm. Ms. Pearlman led the introduction of the 23 members present. Copies of 2016 draft minutes, current agenda, treasurer’s report, proposed amendments to bylaws, and summaries of bylaw amendments were available to members present.

Report on Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues.

Sara Pic gave report on the business of the committee.

The vote by the SR-SIS was almost unanimous to change committee name to Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues.

The Holoch Memorial Grant was awarded to two recipients; Marcelo Rodriguez and Josh LaPorte

The Holoch reception raised 1040.00$ with 150 attendees

The committee created and put up bathroom signs supporting transgendered persons use of restrooms

The committee has fielded a large number of emails discussing AALL’s removal of Texas from consideration for future conferences.

The program presented by committee on meeting legal research needs of transgendered patrons had about 60 attendees

SOGI and the Law Bibliography Report.

David Holt delivered a report on the forthcoming bibliography. David noted that the 1st published edition intended to be comprehensive. The current edition will give a broad overview of the literature along with a research strategy for more detailed information. Rough drafts of the bibliography have been submitted to Hein and a completed edition is expected by the end of 2017.

Meg Butler gave a history of the Bibliography generally. She noted that the 1st edition was a non-published document created in the 2nd year of the organization and was a anonymous non annotated list. Upon Chair Stephanie Pearlman’s suggestion to create a written history of the document Jane Larrington indicated that such a history was included in the preface of the forthcoming edition.

Report on the Bylaws Amendments and Vote.

David McFadden reported on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Most of the amendments were included for consistency with the AALL bylaws. A motion to attach the summary of the bylaws changes and proposed amendments dated May 4, 2017 to the minutes was introduced by Lewis Zimmerman seconded by David McFadden and approved by general assent. (Appendix 1)

Meg Butler clarified that the move of standing committee rules to separate referenced document did not affect the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues ability to elect their own officers. Chair Stefanie Pearlman and David McFadden reemphasized that the movement of rules was intended to simplify future amendments of rules and not to change the current arrangements.

A question was raised by a member concerning the reason for the creation of the member at large. Chair Stefanie Pearlman responded that the purpose was to help with the management of the large number of committees and a general preference for a candidate with long experience with SR-SIS.

The question was called by David McFadden and seconded by Karen Selden to a vote to approve all bylaws amendments. The question was called and the bylaws amendments were approved by unanimous hand vote of all members present 23 to 0.

Upon adoption of bylaws amendments Chair Stefanie Pearlman appointed C.J. Pipins to member at large position on executive board.
Approval of 2016 Business Meeting Minutes.

Stefanie Pearlman moves to approve draft 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Lewis Zimmerman. Minutes approved upon unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report.

Treasurer’s report presented by Treasurer Lewis Zimmerman. The current reported balance of the SR-SIS funds is 11,642.77$ and the expected balance by the end of the conference is 11,341.66$.

Report of Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Prisoners.

Stacy Etheredge delivered the committee’s report. The list of library’s serving prisoners has been updated. Kimberli Kelmor will be the new chair of this committee. Kimberli Kelmor reported on progress on the recommended collections document for prison libraries. She indicated 13 or 14 states completed. The intent is for the entire document to be completed by next year’s meeting. Any members wishing to volunteer to take on any remaining states should contact Kimberli Kelmor.

Report of Standing Committee on Disability Issues.

A.J. Blechner gave the report of the committee. The committee is engaged in recruiting new members. The committee is assembling volunteers to contribute to a special edition of the SR-SIS newsletter devoted to disabilities issues. Chair Stefanie Pearlman reported that the SR-SIS is considering a yearly 500.00$ education grant aimed at encouraging education on a particular SR-SIS topic starting with a disability issues topic at the 2018 meeting. Topics for subsequent education grants would be the responsibility of the education committee.

Report of the Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

Karen Selden delivered the report on behalf of the committee chair David Selden. The AALL executive board rejected the committee’s proposal to phase in mandatory carbon offset program. The committee was permitted to proceed with a voluntary carbon offset program. The program generated donations to Cool Effects, an organization that provides efficient stoves to improve the health and reduce the carbon production of their users. As of the business meeting the campaign had raised 978.00$ with an average donation of 25$ per person. The committee is also hosting a webinar on August 8th, 2017 titled “Law Librarians as Change Agents: Implementing Sustainability”

Report of Committee on Pro Bono Initiatives.

Megan Von Behren delivered the report of the committee. The committee started work in April of 2017 to investigate ways AALL can benefit individuals underserved by the legal professions. The committee has only started the brainstorming process. 4 were outlined:

- Organize donations of law books to prisoner service locations
- Work with and coordinate with members of other AALL groups with similar aims.
- Create presence on SR-SIS website.
- Change name of committee to Access to Justice Committee

Marcello Rodriguez advised that the Latino and Black caucus would be open to coordinating activities with the committee.

Report on Special Interest Section Council Meeting.

Stacy Etheredge reported that the special interest sections generally feel marginalized in planning of educational programs. In particular they object to having to pay out their budget for their one guarantied education slot.


Dana Neacsu reported that the program “Social Justice in Law Libraries” was ready to go later in the con-
ference. Jane Larrington reported a successful program “Meeting the Legal Information Needs of Transgender Library Patrons: Research Findings, Legal Issues, and Cataloging Challenges” with 60 attendees. All members were encouraged to participate on AALL’s Ideascale webpage to propose and promote SR-SIS related programs.

**Report on Exhibit Hall Poster.**

Jane Larrington reported that the poster was a considered a success and could be considered as a template for future posters. The pronoun ribbons and leis for transgender support and the awareness ribbons from the Standing Committee on Disability Issues were distributed in quantity.

**Report on the Children’s Book Drive.**

Megan Von Behren reported that so far 200-300 books had been collected along with 625.00$ in cash.

Megan Von Behran moved to award 100.00$ honorarium to book drive artist and was seconded by Stefanie Pearlman. The motion was carried by general acclamation.

A motion was made by Meg Butler and seconded by Jane Larrington to donate up to 400.00$ of SR-SIS funds to bring the total book drive proceeds to 1000.00$. The motion was carried by general acclimation.

**Report on Newsletter.**

At the general assent of the membership Meg Butler was retained as editor of the newsletter. The membership expressed some concern about the use of formats other than PDF for the archived newsletters. Meg Butler advised that she would search for PDF copies of old newsletters.

**Election and Officer Report.**

Immediate Past Chair Stacy Etheredge reported that the sole position open for election this year was for vice-chair/chair elect. Jane Larrington won the position uncontested with 51 votes.

**Report on the Section Website.**

David Holt reported that the major current concern with the current website is that it is not accessible. The AALL executive board is currently engaged in negotiating a new contract for a updated CMS. The board is encouraged to use a CMS system compatible with modern accessibility applications.

**Report on Toiletries Drive.**

Meg Butler reported on the drive to collect toiletries for local charity. A good amount of material from local hotels has been collected and will be delivered.

**Resolution Status.**

A draft resolution on diversity and inclusion for consideration by AALL board is being drafted by Michael Ginsburg, Stacy Etheredge, and Sara Pic. The new draft resolution should be ready for consideration by the 2018 AALL meeting.

**Chair’s Report.**

Chair Stefanie Pearlman advised that committees should include whole SR-SIS in email chains and create email chain sending invitation to entire SR-SIS. Additionally members are advised to move away from using Google Cloud applications as many members are unable to access Google services. The chair expressed her gratitude for the support of the organization this year.

**New Business.**

Prano Amjadi noted that AALL funding was withdrawn from a membership on national ALA technical services committees. A general opinion that the SR-SIS should support the TS-SIS on this issue was expressed by the membership. Stacy Etheredge undertook to raise this issue with the SIS council.
**R. Martin Witt** proposed that the SR-SIS take a role in identifying legislation targeting minority groups and partnering with other interested caucuses.

**Adjournment.**

Chair Stefanie Pearlman recognized incoming chair and former vice chair Dana Neacsu passing the gavel and adjourned the meeting.

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**Social Responsibilities SIS Bylaws**

**Proposed Amendments**

**April 27, 2017**

Article I: NAME

The name of this Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) shall be the Social Responsibilities SIS Special Interest Section *(SR-SIS)*.

Article II: OBJECT

The object of the Social Responsibilities SIS *(SR-SIS)* shall be to act as a stimulus to the Association *(AALL)* and its members by focusing attention on, providing a forum for discussion of, exchanging information about, and proposing resolutions on critical social issues that affect library workers as members of the profession and as members of the human family. It shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Constitution and AALL Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any AALL member requesting affiliation with the Social Responsibilities SIS *(SR-SIS)*, as provided in the AALL Bylaws. Vendors may be members, but may not vote or hold office. The SR-SIS welcomes and encourages diversity among its members.

Article IV: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Participation in any activity of the SR-SIS shall not be denied or abridged to any individual on account of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Article IV: V: MEETINGS

There shall be an annual business meeting of the SIS *(SR-SIS)* held (1) during the annual meeting of AALL or (2) virtually on a date determined and announced at least thirty (30) days in advance by the Executive Committee. Other meetings may be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may elects, or the Special Interest Section *(SR-SIS)* membership directs.

The SR-SIS shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries. The rules of order mandated by the Association’s bylaws *(AALL Bylaws)* shall govern all deliberations of the Section *(SR-SIS)*. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) SR-SIS members.

Article V: OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Member-at-Large.
The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall be elected annually by the SIS SR-SIS. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall automatically become Chair after one year, and shall so serve during the second year following his or her election. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected biennially in even-numbered years by the SIS SR-SIS to serve a two-year term. The Member-at-Large shall be elected in odd-numbered years to serve a two-year term. The first Member-at-Large shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve until the next regular election during an odd-numbered year, at which time the position shall be filled by election.

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

The Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices, and such other duties as may be assigned by the SIS SR-SIS Executive Committee, or the membership, or provided for by SR-SIS procedures.

Section 3. Executive Committee.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers named above, and the Immediate Past Chair.

Article VI: VII: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

The Immediate Past Chair of the SIS SR-SIS shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee and shall appoint two others, none of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election, to serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Election Procedures.

(a) The election of officers will be conducted every year by mail or electronic ballot, to be completed not later than two months prior to the annual meeting.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall present at least one candidate(s) for each office to be voted on, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect every year and the Secretary/Treasurer every other year. Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five voting members. Such petitions, with the written consent of the nominees, shall be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer not later than April 1st.

(c) In the event paper ballots are used, the Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare the ballot, including nominations by petition, and mail a copy of the ballot to each member of the Section. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in plain envelopes, and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer for tabulation by the first week in May or two months prior to the AALL annual meeting, whichever is earlier.

(d) In the event electronic ballots are used, the details of conducting the election shall first be approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall ensure that an election conducted by electronic balloting is fundamentally fair and preserves the right of secret ballot.

(e) The candidates receiving the largest number of votes for each office shall be elected and this shall be reported to AALL Headquarters, in the Section Newsletter, and at the annual meeting by the Chair of the SIS. All candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Chair of the SIS at the earliest possible time. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidates shall be determined by lot conducted by the Nominating Committee.

(a) The nominating committee shall nominate at least one (1) candidate for each office.

(b) All candidates must be members in good standing of the SR-SIS.

(c) Names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, shall be presented by the nominating committee to the Chair in sufficient time to enable the Chair to inform the members of the nominations. This may be done by announcement in a newsletter or distributed electronically to all members of the SR-SIS.

(d) Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five (5) members. Such petitions, with the written consent of the nominees, should be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer not less than three (3) weeks prior to the election.
(e) The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare the official ballot comprised of the slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee and those nominated by petition. The ballot shall be distributed to each member of the SR-SIS. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes for an office shall be elected. The results of the election shall be reported electronically by the Chair to the membership as soon as possible.

(f) In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held.

(g) If the Secretary/Treasurer is a candidate for office, the Executive Committee shall appoint another SR-SIS member to act in place of the Secretary/Treasurer for all duties required of the Secretary/Treasurer under this section (Article VII, Section 2).

(h) All of the above procedures must be scheduled and executed so that elections are completed at least two (2) months prior to the date of the AALL annual meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies.

(a) If a Chair leaves office, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will assume that position's duties. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall automatically become Chair upon a vacancy in such office and shall continue in that office until the expiration of the term for which the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect was originally elected to serve as Chair.

(b) All vacancies in other offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim term until the next Section Business Meeting at which an election would be held or the next regular election cycle, whichever is sooner. All vacancies by the Secretary/Treasurer or Member-at-Large shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim term until the next regular election of officers, at which time said vacancies shall be filled by election.

Article VII: Standing Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

There shall be a Standing Committee on Disability Issues, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Prisoners and a Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. There shall be such other Standing or Special Committees as the SIS Executive Committee shall create, or shall be created by a majority vote of those present and voting at any annual meeting of this SIS. Unless otherwise provided, committee Chairs shall be designated by the Chair of the SIS.

Section 2. Standing Committee on Disability Issues

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue for members to increase awareness and discussion of the various disability issues that arise in law libraries. The Committee will advocate for and develop best practices for serving library patrons with disabilities and for working with colleagues with disabilities. Two-year agendas may address issues pertaining to physical disabilities and/or mental disabilities, as agreed upon by the members. Information will be disseminated in multiple and accessible formats, and will be made available to all AALL members.

(b) Officers. The first Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair for a two-year term, expiring at the completion of the 2016 Committee business meeting. Subsequent Committee Chairs will be elected for a one-year term. The SR-SIS Chair shall solicit names of members interested in serving as Committee Chair approximately two months prior to the AALL annual meeting.
(c) Officer Election Procedures. The first Committee Chair shall be appointed. Subsequent Committee Chairs shall be elected annually by electronic ballot prior to the AALL annual meeting. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Installation will take place at the annual business meeting of the Committee.

(d) Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, a new Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair to complete the current term.

Section 3. Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Prisoners.

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue for members to advocate for and share information about law library services to prisoners.

(b) Officers. A Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair annually at the annual meeting for the upcoming year.

(c) Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, a new Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SR-SIS Chair.

Section 4. Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this Committee is to provide an avenue for interaction and discussion of issues within the group, but also within the larger American Association of Law Libraries, to the extent of making all members aware of and react to the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons within the law library community. The Committee is also intended to serve as a vehicle for dissemination of information, including but not limited to the provision of programs for AALL and other such groups. In addition, the Committee serves as a social force in bringing the membership together at AALL meetings.

(b) Tagline. The descriptive tagline for this Committee is “Embracing the Diversity of Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities.”

(c) Officers. The Executive Committee shall be installed at the annual meeting for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee will include a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and the Immediate Past Chair. Each Executive Committee member shall take office at the end of the annual meeting. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will become Chair at the annual meeting the year following the election.

(d) Election of Officers. The election of the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will be conducted every year at the annual meeting of the Standing Committee. Nominations may be received by the Chair in advance of the meeting or by nomination from the floor. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes by the members present and voting shall be elected.

(e) Vacancies of Offices. If a Chair leaves office, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect will assume that position’s duties. A vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term.

Art. VIII: COMMITTEES

There shall be such standing or special committees as created by the Executive Committee, or by a majority vote of those present and voting at any SR-SIS annual business meeting. Other groups such as task forces and working committees may be established by the Executive Committee as necessary. Unless otherwise provided for by SR-SIS procedures, committee/task force chairs shall be designated by the SR-SIS Chair.

Art. VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. Process.

These bylaws may be amended at the annual business meeting of the Section SR-SIS by a majority of the members
present and voting, or by a majority of the votes cast by an mail or electronic ballot conducted by the Secretary/Treasurer. Any amendment must be presented to the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for review before it is submitted to the Section SR-SIS membership for vote.

Section 2. Notice.

Notice of proposed amendments shall be mailed to the Section SR-SIS members, or be published in the Section’s SR-SIS newsletter, or be sent by electronic mail to the members’ electronic mail addresses of record with AALL, thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting, or of the mailing of ballots, or of the conducting of an election by electronic ballot thirty (30) days in advance of the distribution of the ballots for a vote conducted by electronic ballot. Members may request a paper copy of the proposed amendments upon request to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Last amended effective February 27, 2017.

Social Responsibilities SIS Bylaws
Summary of Proposed July 2017 Amendments

Articles I & II: Consistent full forms (American Association of Law Libraries & Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section) and short forms (AALL & SR-SIS) introduced and used throughout the SR-SIS Bylaws.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP. Language about vendors deleted to reflect current AALL Bylaws.

Article IV: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. Modified language from AALL Bylaws added.

Article V: Meetings. Change “annual meeting” to “annual business meeting” here and elsewhere. Amended to add the possibility of virtual annual business meetings

Article VI: Officers. Added a Member-at-Large to the SR-SIS officers and executive committee. Clarified when the Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large is elected. Allows the officer’s duties to be spelled out in SR-SIS procedures.

Article VII: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Deleted the entire section rather than amending existing election procedures. Substituted the AALL Model Bylaws language. Added a new sub-section to provide for another SR-SIS member to act for the Secretary/Treasurer, if the Secretary/Treasurer is on the ballot. Clarified the vacancy procedures borrowing from the AALL Model Bylaws.

Current Article VII: Standing Committees. Completely deleted the current article and moved the text to a new SR-SIS Standing Committee Procedures. This is a response to a suggestion by the AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee to remove them. Currently Standing Committees could be added to the bylaws through an amendment. They also could be created by the SR-SIS Executive Committee or a vote of the SR-SIS membership and not be in the bylaws. This change puts all of the Standing Committee charges and chair-selection procedures in one place.

New Article VIII: Committees. This article establishes general procedures for creating standing, special and working committees and task forces. Specific names and descriptions of committees, except the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee, are not included in the bylaws. In the future, it wouldn’t require a bylaws amendment to change the name or charge of an existing Standing Committee. Instead, these matters would be in a Standing Committee Procedures document.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS. Non-substantial changes to reflect current practice.
Call to Order

The 2017 business meeting of the SR-SIS’s Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is called to order by chair Sara Pic. Vice chair Martin Witt, Secretary/Treasurer Lewis Zimmerman, and 9 committee members are present.

Introductions

Members all introduced themselves. Salutations roundly exchanged.

Approval of 2016 Meeting Minutes

2016 minutes were presented by chair Sara Pic and approved by general consensus. Approved 2016 minutes are attached as appendix 1.

Alan Holoch Grant 2017

The 2017 Alan Holoch grant recipients Josh LaPorte and Marcelo Rodriguez were recognized and congratulated. Mr. LaPorte, who was present, thanked the committee and expressed his appreciation.

New Business

Name Change

Secretary Lewis Zimmerman reported on the results of the committee name change election. With 64 votes reporting the name change from Special Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues to Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity was approved with 60 yes votes and 4 no votes. The amendment proposal is attached as appendix 2.

Pronoun Ribbons

Jane Larrington reports that ribbon campaign was a success and the demand for ribbons appears to have increased over 2016.

Holoch Grant Preferences

The question of broadening offers of Holoch grants to persons not associated with the community was raised. Member Camille Broussard expresses opinion that the intent of the grant was to provide awards for community members only. Sara Pic expressed opinion that preference for community members does not constitute unlawful discrimination nor violates the spirit of equality. No modification to grant preferences is proposed.

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, and the Law Bibliography update

David Holt and Dana Neacșu reported on the status of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, and the Law Bibliography project. Chapters have been assigned and progress is on track. Editors are to focus on search strategies as a useful overview rather than a comprehensive list of resources. A draft submission is expected by the end of 2017 calendar year. Dana Neacșu Hate Crimes and Bigotry discussion at SR Meeting

This topic was shelved for further discussion at the general Social Responsibility special interest section general meeting.
Annual Holoch reception

Members were reminded of annual Holoch reception and encouraged to attend.

Discussion of AALL Board site selection and possibility of cancelation of conference in the event of future discriminatory legislation.

Recent, so called bathroom bill legislation, in Texas unfairly discriminating against trans AALL members was discussed and concerns about AALL board’s commitment to a discriminatory venue. Special concern was expressed about future attendance of California State employees who would be prohibited from attending a future such meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Lewis Zimmerman delivered a short report of the Social Responsibility special interest section’s finances. The report is attached as appendix 3.

New Officer Nominations/Election

Member Marty Witt nominated the esteemed Josh LaPort to be the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity vice-chair / chair elect. No other persons were nominated and chair Sara Pic closed nominations.

Member Josh LaPort was elected by general acclimation.

Adjournment

Chair Sara Pic adjourned the 2017 Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity business meeting at 6:13 pm
SOGI Draft Minutes—Appendix 1

2016 Standing Committee Lesbian and Gay Issues

Sunday, July 17th, 2016

Chair: Steven Alexandre da Costa
Vice-Chair: Sara V. Pic
Secretary/Treasurer: Liza Rosenoff

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes 2015 Business Meeting
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Alan Holoch Grant 2016
   a. Recipients were Druet Klugh and CJ Pippins
6. New Business
   a. Name change discussion/actions (Sara)—volunteers were solicited to prepare advisory reports regarding possible name changes for the SCLGI, which will be discussed and initially considered during the fall 2016. Any change would require a proposed amendment to the bylaws and vote.
   b. Sexual orientation Bibliography Update (Sara)—David Holt and Dana Neacsu were selected and will be making announcements about ways folks can participate
   c. Religious Freedom Roundtable
   d. Pronoun Ribbons at 2016 meeting—thanks to Jane Larrington and CJ Pipins for working on this; it was a success
   e. Annual Reception—reminder to attend
7. New Officer Nominations/Election
   a. Officers
      i. Marty Witt from Columbia was elected vice-chair with no opposition
8. Adjournment (Steven)
SOGI Draft Minutes—Appendix 2

Should Article VII, Section 1 and Section 4 of the SR-SIS Bylaws be amended to change the official name from the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues to the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity?

If passed, this will amend our bylaws as follows:

Article VII: Standing Committees

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Section 4. Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

Submitted for election by section membership 2/13/2017 – 3/24/2017

SOGI Draft Minutes—Appendix 3

| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES |
| Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section |
| Treasurer’s Report 7/17/2017 |
| 10/1/2016 - 7/12/2017 |
| AALL Reported Balance 10/1/10 | $ 11,027.77 |

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2018 SR-SIS Business Meeting (BALTIMORE, MD)
Monday, July 16, 5:00pm – 6:30pm, Hilton – Calloway AB

Chair: Dana Neacsu
Vice-Chair: Jane Larrington
Secretary/Treasurer: Lewis Zimmerman
Past Chair: Stefanie Pearlman
Member at Large: C.J. Pipins

Call to Order (Dana Neacsu)

Introduction (Dana Neacsu)

Approval of 2017 SR-SIS Business Meeting minutes (Lewis Zimmerman)

Report from the Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Marty Witt)

Report from the Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Prisoners (Kimberli Kelmor)

Report from the Standing Committee on Disability Issues (AJ Blechner)

Report from the Standing Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Lewis Zimmerman for David Selden)

Update from the Education Committee on Collaborative Projects (Jane Larrington)

Treasurer’s Report (Lewis Zimmerman)

Report on SIS Council Meeting (Dana Neacsu)

Report on the Children’s Book Drive (Michele Knapp & Joshua LaPorte)

Report on CONELL (Lewis Zimmerman)

Report on the Newsletter (Meg Butler)

Report on the Election (Lewis Zimmerman)

Report on the Website (Dana Neacsu for David Holt)

Report on the SR-SIS Annotated Bibliography (Dana Neacsu)

Report on the Toiletries Drive (Meg Butler)

Introduction of Incoming Officers (Dana Neacsu, Jane Larrington, Cindy Guyer, Sara V. Pic)

New Business (Dana Neacsu)

Adjournment (Dana Neacsu)