

Social Responsibilities SIS 2006-07

The Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section (SR-SIS) continues to serve as a venue for focusing attention on and serving as a forum for discussion of critical social issues affecting members of AALL in our professional and personal lives.

SR-SIS officers for 2006-07 were: Ronald Wheeler, Chair; Ann Hemmens, Vice Chair; Larry Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer; Leslie Campbell, Past Chair; Courtney Selby, Chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, Chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Due to last year's chair stepping down to attend law school, the leadership team for 2007-08 will include: Ronald Wheeler, Chair; Courtney Selby, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Larry Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer. Committee chairs included Courtney Selby, Program; Larry Reeves, Nominations; Jim Murphy, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Website. The 2007 CONELL and Activities Area exhibits will be coordinated by Stephanie Davidson and Courtney Selby. The 2007 Book Drive team featured Carol Billings and Alison Alifano.

Two SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2007 Annual Meeting: "Equal Opportunity and Diversity: The ABA Standard Under Fire" and "Kurzban and Boswell on Immigration Law and Research—Keeping Up With the Very Latest, With Help From Two Experts".

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee awarded the 2007 Holoch Memorial Grant to Jim Gernert of the University of Baltimore Law Library. The \$500 grant, given to defray travel or registration costs for the Annual Meeting, was made possible through the bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University Law Library Director and AALL Treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents will again participate in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the annual meeting. This roundtable is co-sponsored by the RIPS-SIS and the LISP-SIS.

"ReCovering New Orleans: One Book at a Time" is the theme of the SR-SIS 9th annual children's book drive. This year's efforts will benefit the Recovery District schools in New Orleans. The Recovery School District (RSD) now has twenty-five needy schools under its umbrella including elementary, middle, and high schools.

SR-SIS took a leadership role, along with AALL Headquarters, in helping to coordinate several volunteer projects for AALL members to participate in while visiting New Orleans. These projects were all aimed at helping New Orleans residents recover from Hurricane Katrina. Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Louisiana State Museum were the three nonprofit recipients of our volunteer efforts.

Ronald Wheeler, Chair
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