

Social Responsibilities SIS 2007-08

The Social Responsibilities SIS (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 2007-08 were Ronald Wheeler, Chair; Courtney Selby, Vice Chair; Larry Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer; Past Chair was vacant because Wheeler was serving a second term; Jorge Juarez, Chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, Chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included Courtney Selby, Program; Stephanie Davidson, Nominations; David Brian Holt, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Web Site. The 2008 CONELL and Activities Area exhibits will be coordinated by Courtney Selby. The 2008 Book Drive team featured Jorge Juarez and Ann Hemmens.

The leadership team for 2008-09 will include: Courtney Selby, Chair; Larry Reeves, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Stephanie Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Three SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2008 Annual Meeting: "Animal Law: An Emerging Area of Practice and Clinical Legal Education," proposed by Ann Hemmens; "Oregon's Death with Dignity Act: A Legal History," proposed by Etheldra Scoggin and co-sponsored by the Legal History and Rare Books SIS; and "The Fourth E - The Environment and Law Libraries," proposed by Elizabeth Outler and co-sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL).

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee awarded the 2008 grant to Meg Butler and Lee Van Duzer. Because both recipients needed less than the full amount of the grant, we were able to split the regular grant award between them, providing a great opportunity for both! Meg is the Reference Librarian with a Concentration in International and Comparative Law at New York Law School, and Lee is the Law Library Fellow at the James E. Rogers College of Law at The University of Arizona. 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 SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS.

"A Book for Every Child" is the theme of the SR-SIS 10th annual children's book drive. This year's efforts will benefit the Willamette Writers Inc. Books for Kids book donation program. This group collects and distributes over 23,000 new and used books annually to underprivileged children and teenagers throughout Portland, Oregon state, and southwest Washington state. The books are given to the many agencies serving these children who then give the books to the children, so that each child owns his/her own book.

The SR-SIS Executive Board has undertaken a project to revise its bylaws to bring them into compliance with the SIS Model Bylaws and the recommendations of the AALL Bylaws Committee. The new bylaws will be voted on and approved at the SR-SIS Portland business meeting.

The 2008 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception will be held at Red Star Tavern and Roast House, located in downtown Portland, offering a tantalizing menu of new American cuisine.

Ronald Wheeler, Chair
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