

Social Responsibilities SIS 2011-2012 Annual Report

The Social Responsibilities SIS continues to promote discussion of critical social issues affecting members of AALL in our professional and personal lives. Major initiatives during the year include the annual book drive, continued education regarding issues for law library services to institution residents, an archive project, and a new project in conjunction with the Native Peoples Caucus and the Environmental Law Caucus.

SR-SIS officers for 2011-2012 were Margaret (Meg) Butler, chair; David Holt, vice chair; Pam Brannon, secretary-treasurer; Jorge Juarez, past chair; Richard Jost, chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammel, chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included David Holt, Program; Jorge Juarez, Nominations; Courtney Selby, Outreach; David Holt, Webmaster; and Sarah Jaramillo, Newsletter Editor. The leadership team for 2012-2013 will include David Holt, chair; Sarah Jaramillo, vice-chair; and Lisa Junghahn, secretary-treasurer. The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues chair in 2012-2013 will be CJ Pipins. The Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institution Residents will be Stacy Etheredge.

The 2012 Book Drive had the theme “One If by Land, Two if Buy Book” and was coordinated by Sarah Jaramillo, Kyle Courtney, and Alissa Black-Dorward. For the first time, the drive included a matching pledge by the Social Responsibilities SIS and friends, including Larry Abraham, the Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) SIS, and Sterling Publishers—for each book donated, the SR-SIS and friends made a matching donation, book for book. Read Boston, which provides community centers, after school programs, and other child care providers with new and gently used books, was the beneficiary of the book drive. The 2012 CONELL and Exhibit Hall tables were coordinated and staffed by a number of SR members, including Sarah Jaramillo, Lisa Junghahn, Scott Matheson, Pam Brannon, David Selden, and Courtney Selby.

SR-SIS sponsored the following program during the 2012 Annual Meeting: “Lost in Translation: Immigration Detention and Access to Legal Materials,” proposed by Paromita Shah and Susan Lyons, cosponsored with LISP-SIS. SIS members additionally contributed four poster sessions, participated in at least 20 additional programs, and one workshop.

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee selected CJ Pipins as the recipient for the 2012 grant. The grant defrays the cost of travel and/or registration at the Annual Meeting, through the bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University Law Library director and AALL treasurer. The 2012 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception was held at Tremont647, with sponsorship of Bloomberg Law/Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, William S. Hein & Co., Inc., and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institution Residents again participated in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting. Co-sponsors for the event included the SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS. This year’s guest speakers included Amy Hale-Janeke.

SR-SIS member David Selden brought forward a project, joined by the Native Peoples Law Caucus and the Environmental Law Caucus, to encourage AALL members to raise money to build and install a solar heater in cooperation with Trees, Water & People, a nonprofit organization. The project will help Native American families who struggle to pay their heating bills and at the same time would replace coal-based electricity with solar energy.

Meg Butler
SR-SIS Chair, 2011-2012