



"I am a feminist because I feel endangered, psychically and physically, by this society and because I believe that the women's movement is saying that we have come to an edge of history when men - insofar as they are embodiments of the patriarchal idea - have become dangerous to children and other living things, themselves included."

-- Adrienne Rich

SR-SIS Newsletter

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Message from The Chair

To my fellow SR-SIS Members,

This is my first newsletter as Social Responsibilities SIS Chair, and I'm happy to report that exciting plans are afoot for next summer's AALL conference in Philadelphia.

In addition to stimulating business meetings, a lively round table, and what will no doubt go down as a historical reception in the City of Brotherly Love (no pressure, David), we've got a slate of wonderful programs that we'll be sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring at the conference:

- Can the FCC Regulate the Internet?
- The Real "Philadelphia" Story: From Cain v. Hyatt to 21st Century HIV/AIDS Discrimination Case Law
- Libricide as a War Crime: From the Lieber Code to Personal Liability

We are also sponsoring our annual book drive and are in the process of rethinking the service project – which will hopefully include input from and collaboration with the SIS Council – with more details to come next Spring as the conference approaches.

Thanks to everybody who's helped hold down the fort throughout the past year, and to everyone who's currently working diligently to get the ball rolling for Philly. Special thanks to David Holt for his gentle, yet insistent, prodding – without his attention, this newsletter would not exist.

Jorge Juarez
Paul L. Boley Law Library
Lewis & Clark Law School

Minutes from 2010 Social Responsibilities Business Meeting

Larry Reeves called the meeting to order.

Larry introduced April Schwartz from Touro, our Annual Meeting Program Committee liaison, who was in attendance. April discussed what the AMPC was looking for with regard to programming for the 2011 Annual Meeting and responded to questions. April also stated that she is available for anyone who wants advice on writing a program proposal.

2009 Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

Stephanie Davidson gave the treasurer's report. The balance reported by AALL as of April 30, 2010 was \$13,129.80. The numbers include donations from vendors for this year's reception, but not the cost of the reception itself. There were two years of overages from the reception to contribute to the Holoch Fund; the balance for the Holoch Fund as of May 31, 2010 was \$14,386. Dues were down in the past year, and there is no indication if we will receive more money as a result of the increase in the amount of dues. Stephanie proposed that the treasurer's report in the future be prepared for the fiscal year, which runs from October to September, and presented at the business meeting along with the balance at the time of the meeting. The motion passed.

Larry gave a brief report on the 2009-2010 year.

Larry reported on programs that were accepted for 2010: "Water, Water, Everywhere: The Future of a Scarce Resource," coordinated by Scott Matheson, and this year's Hot Topic program, "Arizona's SB 1070: Necessary Protection from Illegal Immigration or a License to Discriminate?," coordinated by Ron Wheeler.

Meg Butler delivered the report on the Standing Committee for Lesbian and Gay Issues. \$920 was received as a result of the door fee for the reception. Meg recommended continuing to charge a \$10 door fee, as the increase in the number of attendees and donations compensates for the lower fee. There were \$3,000 in donations, and the reception cost about \$1,800. Meg introduced Sarah Jaramillo, from Rutgers School of Law – Newark, the recipient of the 2010 Holoch Grant. One other person was awarded a grant, but was unable to use it, as they were unable to attend the annual meeting.

Stacy Etheridge delivered the report on the Standing Committee on Service to Institutional Residents, as Ann Hemmens was unable to attend. The Standing Committee held a successful joint reception with the Legal Information Services to the Public SIS and the State, Court, & County Law Libraries SIS. The Standing Committee meeting will be held the next morning at 7:45 a.m.

Larry Reeves reported on the book drive; this year's recipient is Reach Out and Read Colorado. Scott Matheson volunteered to coordinate the delivery of the books, and Pam Brannon will clear the SR-SIS table after the exhibit hall break. Sarah Jaramillo volunteered to head the Philadelphia book drive. Ann Hemmens has prepared step-by-step instructions on how to run the drive.

Larry Reeves and Courtney Selby reported on the CONELL Marketplace. The Marketplace went well, and they recognized some SCLGI reception attendees as people they had talked to at the Marketplace. Jeff Berns moved that we create a Public Relations committee to handle printing promotional material; the committee was created, and Courtney Selby and Stacy Etheridge volunteered to serve as the PR committee.

Pam Brannon reported on the status of the service project, and suggested that future coordination of the project be done by the SIS Council.

Larry Reeves shared the most recent SR-SIS election results. Jorge Juarez is the incoming SR-SIS Chair, Meg Butler was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Pam Brannon was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Jorge Juarez reported that he is seeking program proposals for the 2011 annual meeting.

Stephanie Davidson moved that the SR-SIS contribute such funds to the Book Drive as would be necessary to bring the total donation to the recipient organization to \$1,000. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned just before 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues Reception

The 2010 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues Reception in Denver was a tremendous success! Folks were not deterred by the drizzly weather that evening. We had an amazing turnout of approximately 90 folks—all there to meet, network, and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Standing Committee.

Our generous sponsors LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters provided us with a tasty array of treats and non-alcoholic beverages. Dixon's Downtown Grill, the venue, was extremely accommodating, providing us with a menu pleasing to the meat eaters, vegetarians, and vegans alike. We also enjoyed a birthday cake and other yummy desserts.

The Reception, which serves as a fundraiser, earned approximately \$1000 for the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant. The Grant is awarded annually to a law librarian member of the SCLGI who has promise in the future of librarianship. This year's recipient was Sarah Jaramillo, a research services librarian at Rutgers School of Law Newark. Sarah helped at the door, meeting and greeting many who attended the reception.

Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues Business Meeting

Meg Butler called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved.

2009 meeting minutes were discussed. Jeff Berns suggested an amendment to the minutes to include the name of a speaker, and the minutes were passed as amended.

Stephanie Davidson gave the treasurer's report. Receipts from the last two SCLGI receptions have not been transferred from the SR-SIS account to the Holoch Fund; Stephanie will follow up with AALL Headquarters to make sure that these transfers are completed. Meg Butler and Camille Broussard noticed that there is no place on the AALLNet contributions page to contribute to the Holoch Fund. AALL headquarters is looking into it, and Pam Brannon will follow up with them about it.

The committee then moved to old business.

Meg Butler reported that 2011 Annual Meeting program ideas will be discussed at the end of the business meeting.

The 2010 Holoch Grant recipient, Sarah Jaramillo from Rutgers School of Law – Newark, was introduced. Two grants were awarded, but

the other recipient was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Sarah has written a post on the Summit News Blog about the 25th anniversary of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues, which was made available at the SR-SIS table in the exhibit hall. A longer piece will be forthcoming in the March 2011 issue of *Spectrum*; Sarah asked for anecdotes and stories about the history of SCLGI, as well as ideas for the future of SCLGI.

Meg Butler gave the report on Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Research Bibliography for James Donovan, the editor-in-chief of the bibliography. James reported difficulty recruiting contributors, and as a result there has been one supplement issued in the past year rather than the usual four. James has resigned as editor-in-chief; Stephanie Davidson volunteered to take over and will head a group which will evaluate changes to the maintenance of the bibliography.

David Holt reported on the status of the SCLGI website, which has been updated with this year's events and a more integrated prisoner letter database. Pictures were deleted from the site because of the difficulty of maintenance, and may be put somewhere else, such as the SCLGI Facebook page. David asked for help maintaining the site.

Meg Butler reported on the status of the SCLGI archives, which are not collected in one page. AALL has an archive, but no one knows what is included in it. Meg has developed an archives policy with assistance from a library school graduate, and asked that a task force be set up to provide advice on more complicated factors, such as the inclusion of names of members and whether the archive should be made available to the public. David Holt, Scott Burgh, John Davey, and Richard Jost volunteered. The consensus among those present was that there was a desire to keep archives for the Standing Committees separate from the main SR-SIS archive. Meg will reach out to the Standing Committee on Library Service to Institution Residents about the archives.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Berns reported on his efforts to reach out to other similar organizations to share ideas. The Special Libraries Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Issues Caucus hosts a program at the SLA business meeting and sometimes organizes happy hours in larger cities. The Medical Library Association's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Health Science Librarians Special Interest Group sponsors programs at the MLA conference and has links to resources on their website. The American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table works on bibliographies and gives out the annual Stonewall Book Awards to the best books of the year on LGBT issues. David Holt encouraged everyone who is interested to sign up for the organizations' listservs, which appear to be open to the public. The National Diversity in Libraries Conference was mentioned; Meg Butler currently works with someone who will be able to attend that conference.

Scott Burgh gave out stickers commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Standing Committee; more stickers are available from Scott or Meg Butler.

Meg Butler and David Holt encouraged people to contribute to the SR-SIS newsletter. Stephanie Davidson moved that involvement in the Standing Committee be required of recipients of the Holoch Grant; David Holt seconded the motion, and it passed by a voice vote.

David Holt was introduced as the incoming Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of SCLGI. The SR-SIS Secretary/Treasurer currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of SCLGI. Scott Burgh, with Ron Wheeler's help, has created a list of duties of the SCLGI Chair. Richard Jost was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect by a voice vote; Richard also volunteered to plan the SCLGI reception in Seattle.

Stephanie Davidson made a flyer listing the SR-SIS activities at the Annual Meeting.

Meg Butler reminded attendees that this year's reception will be held at Dixon's Downtown Grill.

The meeting adjourned just after 6:30 p.m.