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## **SR-SIS 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The object of the SR-SIS shall be to act as a stimulus to 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 AALL Bylaws.

### **SR-SIS Bylaws, Article II**

For the year 2021-2022, the Social Responsibilities SIS was led by Jeffrey Berns, Chair; Lee Van Duzer, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Martin Witt, Past Chair; Cynthia Condit, Secretary/Treasurer; Cas Laskowski, Member At Large. During this year's election, AJ Blechner was elected incoming Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Cynthia Condit was reelected Secretary/Treasurer.

The SIS held two virtual meetings this year: a mid-year meeting on March 14, 2022, and an annual meeting on June 21, 2022.

BookGive Denver was selected as this year's book drive recipient

Much of the SR-SIS's work is accomplished through its active standing committees. Their reports follow.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

Josh LaPorte, Chair

This year the SOGI-SC put out a call for volunteers to identify ways to recruit new members and to nominate new leaders. Rebecca Dent was selected as this year's Holoch grant recipient. Ideas for programs to engage queer and ally members of ran into roadblocks and were unable to proceed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO PRISONERS**

Kristen Moore, Chair

The committee continues to work on updating the Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries and is currently in the editing process. Kristen Moore and Marty Witt will continue their work on this project until its completion. In addition, the standing committee answered four requests for assistance from people who used the "AALL Contact Us"



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online form or emailed us. And, it answered seventeen letters from inmates in institutions nationwide.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

Mitch Silverman, Chair

The Standing Committee on Disabilities has been working on setting up a continuing-education presentation on neurodiversity in the workplace, including the ways neurodivergent people—such as autistic people and those with ADHD—interact with their environment differently than those who are neurotypical. The SR-SIS Board has approved a speaker’s fee in anticipation of a final agreement on the program.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Emily Hoffman, Chair [No report is available.]

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

[No report is available. The Chair position is currently vacant.]

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Lee Van Duzer, Chair

The Education and Awareness Grant has been reauthorized for another cycle, starting with the new standing committee topic: immigration. The remaining topics for future years will be in the previous rotation order. The grant’s charge is revised to leave the timing to the committee—the goal is to start as soon as possible to ensure a completed project by the annual business meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Berns