

AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section
Member at Large Report, 2013-14

The 2013-14 year was my first of two years in the role of TS-SIS Member at Large. During this past year, I have been actively involved in the duties assigned to the first-year Member at Large.

During August and September, 2013, I participated actively in the Education Committee's work. The Committee conducted several conference calls to discuss draft program proposals for the 2014 Annual Meeting, to assign liaisons to each proposer, and to develop and deliver its feedback to the proposers. The Committee was successful in getting several programs, and one workshop, approved by the Annual Meeting Program Committee for the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

During the spring months, I assisted Vice Chair/Chair Elect Suzanne Graham with the preparation of the biennial member survey, reviewing the questions to be asked before the survey went out. After the results were in, I also participated in their preparation for the Executive Board and the membership. I came up with some chart views of the results data, and presented my assessment of the takeaways. I see the following patterns in the data for 2010, 2012, and 2014:

- The position break-downs are quite similar across these 3 surveys
- There hasn't been a mass exodus of retirees; we also aren't "greying" as an organization
- We are slowly losing non-academic law librarians from TS. Or, at least, we are a very Law School-rich SIS
- A considerable number of our members (about 40%) do not attend Annual Meeting any given year

Finally, I have been coordinating the silent auction, to be held at the TS activities table in the exhibit hall in San Antonio, to support the Marla Schwartz Grant. After several solicitations during the spring months, I have received offers of several donations thus far, and hope to see a number of additional donations at the conference itself.

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