

AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Report, 2013-2014

Biennial Membership Survey: Worked with First Year Member-at-Large Eric Parker to revise and shorten membership survey to focus on actionable data that could be compared with past surveys. Overall number of responses increased over past years, but the response rate was a disappointing 19%. Future vice-chairs should continue to condense and refine the questions.

Eric and I compiled results from the last three surveys and distributed appropriate summary responses to the committees and *TSSL* Editor for review. Major take-aways are the need to produce continuing education throughout the year (40% of our members cannot attend Annual Meeting). Demographically we are not “greying” as a group, and we continue to lose non-academic colleagues. *TSSL* still has a high approval rating.

Survey was open between February 28 and March 5.

Membership Volunteer Survey: I folded this form into the membership survey so that we only distributed one questionnaire. In hindsight this might have made the survey too long. A desire to ensure anonymity also might have reduced volunteers since participants had to provide name and contact information when volunteering.

Committee and Representative Appointments: From the membership survey and discussions with current chairs, I was able to find volunteers for most open positions by April 16. The TS-SIS Executive Board approved the full slate of chairs at April meeting. I contacted the chairs (both incoming and outgoing) with list of committee member volunteers in June with a deadline for submitted completed rosters of August 1.

Acquisitions—Diana Jaque (University of Southern California, Los Angeles)

Awards – Jennifer Noga (Wake Forest University)

By-laws—Brian Striman (University of Nebraska)

Education—John Jensen (Southern University Law Center)

Membership—Bess Reynolds (Debevoise & Plimpton LLP)

Nominating—Kevin Carey (Ohio State University)

Preservation—Maxine Wright (Georgetown University)

Professional Development—Stephanie Schmitt (University of California--Hastings)

TS Representative to TSSL (2 year term)—Corinne Jacox (Creighton University)

Grants: At the urging of TS-SIS Chair Brian Striman, I chaired an ad-hoc committee to investigate grants offered by other SISs and to expand our existing awards. At its April meeting, the Executive Board approved the ad-hoc committee’s proposal to offer three new educational grants: a new member grant, an active member grant, and a leadership academy grant. These will be available in 2014-2015. Ad-hoc Committee Members: Wendy Moore, Jennifer Noga, Ted Pitts, and Cindy Spadoni.

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