Technical Services SIS 2007-08

The Executive Board of the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) for 2007-08 was composed of Alan Keely, Chair; Linda Tesar, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Sima Mirkin, Secretary-Treasurer; Rhonda Lawrence, Past Chair; Carmen Brigandi and Marie Whited, Members-At-Large; and Jean Pajerek, Carol Avery Nicholson, Janice Anderson and Ajaye Bloomstone, standing committee chairs.

What follows are highlights from this past year. More detailed summaries of TS-SIS activities, particularly those of the standing committees, are available on the TS-SIS Web site.

The AMPC approved two programs and three workshops submitted by the Education Committee for the Portland meeting. The committee agreed to sponsor three additional programs and co-sponsor four programs with other SISs.

The TS-SIS Executive Board established an Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development in late 2007 with JoAnn Hounshell as chair. The purpose of this group was to develop continuing education opportunities for TS-SIS members outside of the Annual Meeting. A proposal was submitted to the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program. A grant of $2000 was awarded for the TS-SIS webinar “Redesigning Technical Services: Working in a Hybrid Environment,” to be held August 14, 2008.

Recognizing the need to foster better means of communication between section members and the standing committees, the TS-SIS Executive Board in April 2007 created the Task Force on Electronic Communication to explore options for archiving committee reports and documents and satisfying committee communication needs. Chaired by Linda Tesar, the task force completed and submitted its report to the TS-SIS Executive Board in February 2008. The board is currently in the process of reviewing the recommendations and should finish at the Portland meeting.

The Awards Committee selected Joe Thomas, University of Notre Dame Law School as the 2008 recipient of the Renee Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship. The committee also awarded the Marla Schwartz grant to Jennifer Tsai of the Golden Gate University Law Library to support her attendance at CONELL. Three additional TS-SIS grants were also given to Jennifer Tsai, Hollie White and Chris Pickford.

The Membership Committee developed a new TS-SIS brochure that will be unveiled at the Portland meeting. The brochure is updated on a three-year cycle.

TS-SIS continued to involve more of the younger members of the profession in section activities, e.g. with the Education Committee, the New Catalogers Roundtable which is thriving, and the Membership Committee continues to look for ways to involve new members.
Unresolved issues include whether or not to continue to hold the Joint SIS reception because of changes in the Annual Meeting. The TS-SIS Executive Board agreed to support the reception through the 2008 meeting. Another issue involves how members are appointed to the standing committees. There has been discussion for several years on this issue, but no resolution. A third issue involves the future of the Serials Committee’s Exchange of Duplicates program which is under review.

Alan Keely, Chair
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