The 2008-09 Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) board consisted of Filippa Marullo Anzalone, chair; Beth Adelman, vice chair/chair elect; Sara Sampson, secretary/treasurer; Marianne Sidorski Alcorn, member-at-large; and Michelle Wu, immediate past chair.

As usual, committee work has been the lifeblood of the section. Some of the highlights of the year are described in this report; for detailed information, please see the individual ALL-SIS committee reports. The ALL-SIS CALI committee reviewed a number of legal research lesson proposals and completed legal research lessons. The Collection Development Committee organized collection development resources, such as contact and web resources information for the ALL-SIS website. The Continuing Education Committee proposed topics for workshops to be offered apart from the AALL Annual Meeting that will serve as foundational work for next year’s members. Both the ALL-SIS Faculty Services and Student Services Committees worked on listserv discussions; the Student Services Committee also documented sample policies of library collaboration with law journal staff. The committee created a survey about law student research habits to post to the ALL-SIS website and send to the ALL-SIS membership via the listserv, and they arranged the Bank of Sample Academic Student Services Documents and sent requests to the ALL-SIS membership for more content. The ALL-SIS Statistics Committee’s advised the Board regarding a letter that was sent to the ABA about the supplemental draft survey developed by last year’s Statistics Committee. The Continuing Status and Tenure Committee surveyed the ALL-SIS membership in an effort to ascertain what professional issues and aspects of the job mattered most to law librarians. The PR Committee publicized ALL-SIS and highlighted the efforts of law librarians as legal scholars. Since this is the ALL-SIS’ 30th anniversary, the PR Committee creatively arranged for a drawing of a Blackberry Pearl (the pearl is the traditional 30th anniversary commemoration gift). The ALL-NEW Committee focused on marketing their new name, and they added a Facebook component to their efforts. The Legal Research and Sourcebook Committee solicited and updated contributions to the Sourcebook and updated their web page. Diane Murley performed the Herculean task of examining, updating, and weeding all of the ALL-SIS web pages during the AALL website content audit.

ALL-SIS also commenced support for two exciting initiatives this year: the Joint Committee on Law Student Information Literacy and the Legal Information and Technology eJournal on SSRN.

The ALL-SIS Programs Committee is responsible for a wonderful array of program opportunities this year. A total of eight ALL-SIS sponsored programs will be featured at the Annual Meeting: one AALL workshop, five AALL programs, and two ALL-SIS programs. A look at the titles of the programs provides an excellent lens into the major issues in academic law librarianship today: 1) “The Academic Law Library of 2015: Predicting the Future and Making It Happen” (workshop); 2) “Legal Research Questions on the Bar Exam: Preparing Our Students”; 3)”Understanding the Mean: How the Average Law Librarian Can Encourage Empirical Research Initiatives”; 4) “Latest Trends in Library Automation: Building Creative and Inspiring Discovery Platforms”; 5) “Chat 2.0: Renovating Virtual Reference”; 6) “What We Learned from Our SAILS: Using Law Students as Human Subjects and Measuring Law Student
The Annual Meeting Directors’ Breakfast will feature guest speaker, Stephen Wermiel, who will speak on his work as the official biographer for Justice Brennan. Both the Middle Managers’ breakfast and the ALL-SIS Business Meeting, also a breakfast meeting this year, will be sponsored by LexisNexis. This year’s ALL-SIS VIP, Marshall Breeding, the director for innovative technologies and research for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University, will speak at both the breakfast meeting and at an educational program. At the ALL-SIS business meeting, the membership will also vote on a by-laws change suggested by the ALL-SIS Bylaws Committee. The change has received the approval of both the ALL-SIS board and the AALL Bylaws Committee. The change will bring the section’s bylaws in line with the AALL Model Bylaws.

The ALL-SIS reception and awards ceremony will be held at the Georgetown University Law Center. The event’s sponsor is BNA. The Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship for 2009 will be awarded to Nancy P. Johnson. The ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award will go to Daniel W. Martin, Katherine Pratt, and Jennifer M. Kowal for their article, “The Virtual Tax Library: A Comparison of Five Electronic Tax Research Platforms,” 8 Florida Tax Review 931 (2008). Finally, Sara Kelley Burriesci, will receive The ALL-SIS Outstanding Service Award.

The ALL-SIS election of new officers was a great success and it marked the fifth year of electronic elections for the SIS. The 2009-10 ALL-SIS board members will be: Beth Adelman, chair; John McNeill, vice chair/chair-elect; Sara Sampson, secretary/treasurer; Margaret Schilt, member-at-large; and Filippa Marullo Anzalone, immediate past chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Filippa Marullo Anzalone
Chair, 2008-2009
Annual Meeting
Computing Services is sponsoring eight educational programs and one workshop at the 2009 Annual Meeting. We are particularly proud of the Cool Tools Workshop, which grew out of the positive feedback from the 2008 educational program of the same name.

Under the supervision of the Educational/Emerging Technologies Committee, we will rerun the Web 2.0 Challenge, a volunteer-based, free educational program for AALL members.

Besides our regular business meeting and breakfast meeting, we will hold two Roundtable Discussions. This year the Roundtables include a discussion titled “Mashing Up the White House” (with guest speaker John Wonderlich, policy director, Sunlight Foundation), and a reception for Web 2.0 Challenge participants. We will also be hosting a Hot Topic discussion with speaker/blogger Connie Crosby who will be addressing the necessity for librarians to monitor emerging information technologies, especially in light of the current economic downturn.

This year, Computing Services will be sponsoring VIP registrant Connie Crosby at AALL.

Computing Services will participate at the CONELL Marketplace and in the exhibits area, interviewing members and posting comments on our website.

Awards and Grants
Sheri Lewis was awarded the Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award. Lewis served the Section and AALL in many official and unofficial capacities and well deserved the award. She was a unanimous choice among the Executive Board members.

We continued our practice of providing grants to worthy AALL members to attend the Annual Meeting. The Grants Committee, chaired by Monica Sharumt, gave grants to the following members who we look forward to working with CS-SIS in the years to come.

Library Student and New Librarian grants were given to:
• Joe Cera, Student, University of Washington
• Caroline Young, Reference and Technology Librarian, Rutgers University Law School Library

Librarians with three plus years in service to the profession:
• Carmen Melendez, Reference Librarian, University of Puerto Rico Law Library
• Wei Fang, Digital Services Librarian, Rutgers University Law School Library.

In addition, Computing Services Special Interest Section added a new registration grant this year for the elected Incoming chair in order to recognize the significant amount of work entailed in chairing this special interest section. Incoming Chair Shucha is the first recipient.

Communication
A new Communications Committee was formed to adopt a new website and wiki, which will serve as the new platforms for CS news and information. This committee has also redesigned our SIS brochure.

**Officers**
The following served as officers for the year: Vicki Szymczak, chair; Bonnie Shucha, vice chair/chair-elect; Jean Willis, secretary/treasurer; Katie Brown and Meg Kribble, member-at-large; and June Hsiao Liebert, immediate past chair. Incoming officers for the next year will include Debbie Ginsberg as vice chair/chair-elect, Melissa Serfass as secretary/treasurer and Jason Eiseman as incoming member-at-large. We thank June Liebert for chairing the Nominations Committee and giving us an excellent slate of candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Szymczak, CS-SIS chair, 2008–2009
The 2008-09 year was very eventful for the Foreign, Comparative, and International SIS (FCIL-SIS). The officers and executive committee consisted of Dennis S. Sears, chair; Marylin J. Raisch, vice chair/chair-elect; Heidi F. Kuehl, secretary-treasurer; and Jonathan A. Franklin, immediate past chair.

Elections were held in March, and Jeanne Rehberg was elected as the incoming vice chair/chair-elect.

The Education Committee reviewed and edited several programs for the 2009 Annual Meeting. Seven programs were approved and ranked by the Committee. Of these seven programs, three were selected for the Annual Meeting: “Beyond the Walls of the United Nations: Exploring U.N. Databases,” “Thinking about Treaties: Interpretation, in Force and Internet,” and “Researching International Tax Law.” In addition to the programming, Marylin J. Raisch was able to coordinate the attendance of several Library of Congress specialists to meet with a number of FCIL-SIS Interest Groups: Hannibal Goitom (African Law Interest Group), Laney Zhang (Asian Law Interest Group), Peter Roudik (CIS and East European Law Interest Group), Janice Hyde (Electronic Issues Interest Group), Eduardo Soarez (Latin American Law Interest Group), and Mark Strattner (Foreign Selectors Interest Group).

With regards to the FCIL-Schaffer Grant, a major effort was made to finalize a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Ellen G. Schaffer, the FCIL-SIS, and AALL that would be acceptable to all parties with regards to responsibilities. A solicitation letter was drafted and sent to the FCIL-SIS membership for contributions to the grant and to initiate a multi-year capital campaign. The goal of the capital campaign is to increase the income-producing corpus of the FCIL-SIS Schaffer Grant fund to a level that will help insure its future and the original intent of the grant—the attendance of a foreign law librarian at each AALL Annual Meeting. A number of generous contributions were made to the capital campaign. The most significant contribution this year was from Ellen G. Schaffer, who contributed an additional $15,000 to the corpus.

The FCIL-Schaffer Grant Committee, chaired by Christopher O’Byrne, solicited applications from 34 applicants. These applications were subjected to rigorous and careful review. The committee finally decided to award the grant to Ahmadullah Masoud, a reference librarian at the USAID Afghanistan Rule of Law Project (ARoLP). He is considered by those who have met him and worked with him as “the best law librarian in Afghanistan.”

This year, the executive committee approved the recognition of three FCIL-SIS members with Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Awards: Christopher O’Byrne, Tom Kimbrough, and Mabel Shaw. Most significantly, based on nominations from the FCIL-SIS membership, the executive committee also chose to recognize three FCIL-SIS members with the Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Awards: Maria I. Smolka-Day, Mary Rumsey, and Marci Hoffman. This
award recognizes the long-term commitment of FCIL-SIS members to leadership, education, and service within the FCIL-SIS.
The Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (LHRB-SIS) got off to a strong start this year with an excellent slate of well-attended programming at the July 2008 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. Also in Portland, our first LHRB reception at the Lucky Lab Brewpub was such fun that we decided to make it an annual tradition! The 2009 reception will take place at the George Washington University Law Library.

After many years in the planning, the highlight of LHRB’s year was the debut of the Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition, jointly sponsored by our SIS and Gale Cengage Learning. Our first award winner, Benjamin Yousey-Hindes, is a doctoral candidate at Stanford. Ben will be feted and will present his winning paper, “A Case Study of Canon Law in the Age of the Quinque compilationes antiquae: The Trial for Balaruc,” at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Another highlight of the year was the inaugural issue of LHRB’s electronic journal, “Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books.” “Unbound” contains substantive articles culled from LHRB newsletters. “Unbound” also appears in HeinOnline, ensuring that a wide audience will be able to read and appreciate the many scholarly contributions of our section’s members.

Published thrice yearly, the LHRB Newsletter continues to feature substantive content and interesting columns. This year, the Publications Committee was charged with investigating electronic newsletter templates and making recommendations for the LHRB newsletter. The committee suggested no immediate changes to the LHRB newsletter and recommended that decisions about software, templates, and matters of design be left to the editor.

Our SIS Webmaster Kurt Metzmeier kept our website current, added a spiffy new image of our mascot Hughes-Humphreys the bison, and performed a much-appreciated inventory of our site’s pages at the request of AALL Headquarters. Bookmark our site to stay on top of our SIS’s activities, and visit often!

LHRB’s first brochure debuted with great success at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Featuring a fine rendering of Hughes-Humphreys, the brochure was the work of the LHRB Publications Committee and AALL’s Julia O’Donnell.

One of the pleasures of serving as LHRB’s chair is getting to know so many like-minded colleagues and being able to recognize them for their contributions to our SIS. Lack of space prevents me from recognizing everyone by name, but please be assured that I am grateful to everyone who has done any of the many large and small things that keep our section running. I close by thanking my colleagues on the board. Stacy Etheredge, vice chair/chair-elect from 2007-2009, will succeed me as chair at the close of the Annual Meeting in July 2009. Also serving during the past year are Dan Blackaby, secretary/treasurer (2008-2010); and Laura Ray, immediate past chair (2007-2009). Amy Taylor will join the board in July 2009 as incoming vice chair/chair-elect.
Legal Information Services to the Public SIS 2008-2009

The officers and members of the executive committee of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP) for 2008-09 were Betty Agin, chair; Terrye Conroy, vice chair/chair-elect; John Cannan, secretary/treasurer; and Luis Acosta, immediate past chair.

Amendments to the section's by-laws were approved at the section's business meeting on July 14, 2008.

Revisions to the LISP guide "How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers" were posted on the LISP web page in March 2009. After surveying the LISP and SCCLL-SIS membership on the preferred format for a new edition of the guide, LISP is working with AALL Headquarters in designing a freely downloadable, digital version of the brochure.

The section’s State-Specific Public Library Toolkits are designed to assist non-law public librarians and pro se patrons gain bibliographic knowledge of legal titles in their state. In 2008-09, LISP continued to add state toolkits, as well as update existing toolkits.

The Garner Grant Award, established to honor the memory of Kathy Garner, provides financial assistance for attending the AALL Annual Meeting. Two LISP members, Scott Burgh and Claire Williamson, were awarded the Garner Grant for 2009 and received assistance to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

The LISP executive committee chose Richard Zorza, an attorney, independent consultant, and coordinator of the Self Represented Litigation Network, to serve as LISP’s “Valuable Invited Participant” at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

At the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, LISP is co-sponsoring a program entitled "Law Libraries and the Access to Justice Revolution," at which Mr. Zorza will speak. LISP is also coordinating a program entitled "Online Interactive Court Forms for Self-Represented Litigants: The Library's Role," presented by Judy Meadows of the State Law Library of Montana, and Kate Bladow, coordinator of the National Public Automated Documents Online project at ProBonoNet. In addition, LISP is co-sponsoring the annual Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners with SR-SIS and SCCLL-SIS.

In June, the members of LISP elected Bret N. Christianson to serve as vice chair/chair-elect, and Dan J. Baker to serve as secretary/treasurer, for 2009-2010. Terrye Conroy will serve as chair, and Betty Agin will continue on the executive committee as immediate past chair.

Betty Agin, chair
2008-09
The Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS-SIS) was led by a board consisting of Michael Maben, Chair; Patricia Sayre McCoy, Vice Chair/Chair-elect; Mary Strouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Members-at-Large, Susan Karpuk and Elaine Bradshaw; and Andrea Rabbia, Past Chair. Ellen McGrath and Janet Hedin served as the representatives to the Technical Services Law Librarian Board; George Praeger served as representative to MARBI; and Phyllis Post served as representative to the OCLC Members Council.

The standing committees were chaired by: Michael Maben and Patricia Sayre McCoy, Education (2009 and 2010 Annual Meetings, respectively); Susan Goldner, Nominating; Caitlin Robinson, Local Systems; Keiko Okuhara and Ming Lu, OCLC; Ruth Funabiki, OBS/TS Joint Research Grant; and Kevin Butterfield, Web Advisory. The special committee on record sharing was chaired by Pat Callahan. Kevin Butterfield stepped down as webmaster in June and Tim Knight volunteered for the position.

Phyllis Post represented AALL at the OCLC Members Council meetings in October 2008 and May 2009 in Dublin, Ohio.

The revised OBS-SIS bylaws were approved at the OBS business meeting in Portland.

The Special Committee on Record Sharing developed a set of formal guidelines that were submitted to the OBS board. The board reviewed this and made numerous revision suggestions. The Special Committee revised the document and it will be considered by the OBS board at its meeting in Washington.

In November, OCLC announced a new Policy on Use and Transfer of WorldCat Records. The resulting outcry by member libraries caused OCLC to delay implementation and to convene a special review board to represent the membership and make recommendations to the OCLC Board of Trustees. The OBS board had begun to discuss the issue when AALL President James Duggan requested that we propose a formal resolution to the AALL Executive Board to express AALL’s opinion on the new policy. The OBS board worked with the TS board, the OBS Special Committee on Record Sharing, the OBS OCLC Committee, and the OBS representatives to the OCLC Members Council and MARBI to write this proposed resolution and supporting documentation. The AALL Executive Board approved the resolution at its April meeting. At the May OCLC Members Council meeting, the OCLC Special Review Board announced its recommendation that OCLC withdraw the current proposal and have a new policy drafted, which mirrored AALL’s recommendation. The chair of the review board specifically cited AALL in her presentation to the Members Council, and in June, the OCLC Board of Trustees officially withdrew the proposal.

OBS-SIS sponsored six program proposals for the 2009 Annual Meeting, of which three were accepted. The programs that were accepted by AMPC were: “MarcEdit: a Magic Wand for MARC Records,” “Latest Trends in Library Automation: Building Creative and Inspiring Discovery Platforms,” (co-sponsored by ALL-SIS), and “Taking the Aggravation Out of Aggregators: An Update on Aggregator-Neutral Bibliographic Records.”
The OBS-SIS board agreed to self-sponsor two additional programs at the 2008 Annual Meeting: “The TOC Market Report: Undervalued TOCs Yield Huge Dividends,” and “Classification Web and Cataloger’s Desktop Training at the Library of Congress.” The board also sponsored a roundtable discussion on MarcEdit with speaker and author Terry Reese to follow up on the AMPC program on the topic. Finally, the board co-sponsored a NISO review training session with TS-SIS, CS-SIS, and Mary Alice Baish in the Washington Government Relations Office.

For the 2009 Annual Meeting, Susan Karpuk coordinated the OBS table in the Exhibit Hall and Elaine Bradshaw co-coordinated the Alphabet Soup reception. Michael Maben will attend the CONELL Marketplace to promote OBS.

Mary Strouse ran OBS’s fourth electronic election this year. The newly elected officers for 2009-10 are Kathy Faust, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Karen Selden, Secretary/Treasurer, and Keiko Okuhara, Member-at-Large.

Michael Maben, Chair
2008-09
The Private Law Libraries (PLL) Special Interest Section had a successful year in spite of the economic downturn.

The PLL Education Committee submitted 19 proposals for the 2009 AALL conference, nine of which were accepted by AMPC, with others being supported by PLL. One program was cancelled because the speakers are unable to attend the conference.

The PLL Grants Committee awarded a travel grant, sponsored by Research Solutions, Inc., to Sarah Mauldin to attend the AALL Leadership Institute in October 2008. Travel grants for the 2009 Annual Meeting were awarded to: Ruth Balkin, Janice Collins, Kimberly Martin, Christine Sellers, and Lisa Williams. The Annual Meeting Grants were underwritten in part by an anonymous donation and subsidized by PLL.

In May 2009, the AALL Biennial Salary Survey Committee sought PLL's input regarding job descriptions. Private law administrators and HR professionals have historically viewed the AALL Salary Survey as irrelevant to private law firms and corporate legal departments. An ad-hoc committee made up of Lucy Curci-Gonzalez, Kate Martin, and Monice Kaczorowski helped to update the job descriptions and survey questions, and laid the groundwork for future revisions that will help private law librarians to measure compensation more accurately.

PLL continues to work with Lexis to use moneys that were originally earmarked for the PLL Toolkit. PLL and Lexis are creating a newer project to market librarians’ worth to the C-level people in private legal organizations. The project continues to change shape, but will hopefully come to fruition in the next year. PLL also continues to work with the AALL treasurer to move these funds out of the PLL General Fund into a restricted fund.

The PLL Web Committee has halted progress on redesigning the PLL website while it awaits AALL's decision on what platform it will be using for the Association's new site. The PLL Web Committee feels that it would be imprudent to design pages that may not be supported. The PLL Web Committee participated in the first phase of the AALL website conversion project by supplying AALL with an inventory of PLL files.

The PLL Nominations Committee collected a slate of candidates for the 2009 election, including two nominees each for vice chair/chair-elect, treasurer, and board member. When the sitting vice chair/chair-elect had to resign for personal reasons, one of the candidates for the vice chair/chair-elect position was asked to run unopposed to fill the immediate open position, and the other candidate was asked to run unopposed for vice-chair/chair-elect. The final slate was: chair, 2009-2010 - Kathleen Martin; vice-chair/chair-elect, 2009-2011 - Jane Baugh; treasurer, 2009-2011 - Margarita Bull, Blythe McCoy, at large board member, 2009-2011 – Joan Jarosek, Ralph Monaco. The election was held Monday, April 20th – Friday, May 1. The winners, Kathleen Martin, Jane Baugh, Margarita Bull, and Joan Jarosek, were announced on May 5, 2009.

The PLL Intellectual Property (IP) Interest Group was active with local networking meetings, published articles, and speaker panels. The PLL IP Group is also sponsoring a number of sessions at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting, including an IP vendor panel. In September 2008,
the PLL IP Group coordinated a Webex program with Dialog to provide information about the strategy and direction of Dialog as a result of its new ownership by Proquest.

The PLL Competitive Intelligence (CI) Interest Group also continued to be active this year, with members speaking on various panels and writing articles both inside and outside the auspices of AALL. On July 15, 2009, the CI group sponsored a webinar, "Competitive Intelligence: Working Side by Side with Marketing," that was very well received.

Tina Dumas, M.L.S.
Chair 2008-2009
The 2008-2009 Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS) executive board members were: Jennifer S. Murray, chair; W. Robert Farmer, vice chair/chair-elect; Irene R. Good, past chair; Michelle Rigual, secretary/treasurer; Monica Ortale, member-at-large; and Gail Partin, member-at-large.

This year was one of growth for RIPS. RIPS began a conscious effort to brand itself as the special interest section for every law librarian. The first project RIPS chose to undertake to achieve this brand was a forum at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. This forum, entitled the RIPS C8 Forum, will bring together all types of law librarians to discuss the common impacts we have all suffered due to the current economic crisis.

RIPS also embraced new technologies through migration of its newsletter to a blog format. RIPS uses the blog to more nimbly promote RIPS activities as well as provide valuable news and information about law librarianship in general. To ensure the blog is responsive and timely, RIPS appointed three bloggers: Yasmin Alexander, Meg Martin, and Jason Sowards. Kris Helge assumed the blog editor position (formerly the newsletter editor position).

RIPS continued its regular operations including production of the Legal Research Teach-In Kit and updating its strategic plan for 2009 to 2011. Both are available on the RIPS website. The Teach-In Committee and RIPS webmaster are in the midst of redesigning the Teach-In web pages with technical and design expertise from RIPS volunteers. We plan to complete the transition by next year. RIPS extends its gratitude to Reuters Thomson for its many years of sponsorship of the RIPS Legal Research Teach-In Kit, which made our transition to a new independently designed web page possible.

RIPS awarded its 2009 RIPS Star Award for outstanding long-term RIPS service to Melissa Serfass.

The newly elected board for RIPS is: W. Robert Farmer, chair; Kathleen (Katie) Brown, vice-chair/chair-elect; Jennifer S. Murray, past chair; Lynn Murray, secretary/treasurer; Gail Partin, member-at-large; and Uwe (Ed) Beltz, member-at-large.

On behalf of RIPS, I wish to thank the committee chairs of our 10 active committees. My personal thanks go out to the executive board and all our RIPS members because I would not have been able to achieve progress during my tenure without them.
The Social Responsibilities SIS continues to serve as a venue for focusing attention on and serving as a forum for discussion of critical social issues affecting members of AALL in our professional and personal lives.

SR-SIS officers for 2008-09 were Courtney Selby, chair; Larry Reeves, vice chair; Stephanie Davidson, secretary-treasurer; Ron Wheeler, past chair; Meg Butler, chair, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues; and Rebecca Trammell, chair, Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents. Committee chairs included Courtney Selby, Program; Stephanie Davidson, Nominations; David Brian Holt, Newsletter Editor; and Stephanie Davidson, Web Site. The 2008 Book Drive team featured Leslie Campbell and Stacy Etheredge. The 2009 CONELL and Activities Area Exhibits will be coordinated by Courtney Selby and Larry Reeves. The leadership team for 2009-10 will include: Larry Reeves, chair; Jorge Juarez, vice-chair/chair-elect; and Stephanie Davidson, secretary-treasurer (continuing).

Two SR-SIS sponsored educational programs were accepted for the 2009 Annual Meeting: “Taxation Without Representation: an Overview of the D.C. Legislative Process and Research,” proposed by Meg Butler; and “The 80/2050 Challenge: What You Can Do to Reduce Your Organization's Impact on Climate Change,” proposed by David Selden.

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Holoch Grant Committee awarded the 2009 grant to Pamela Brannon. Pam is the reference/electronic services law librarian at the Georgia State University College of Law Library. The $345 grant, given to defray travel or registration costs for the Annual Meeting, was made possible through the bequest of Alan Holoch, former Ohio State University law library director and AALL treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Law Library Service to Institution Residents will again participate in the Joint Roundtable on Service to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners at the Annual Meeting. This roundtable is co-sponsored by the SCCLL-SIS and the LISP-SIS. Additionally, they are working to update the 1996 edition of "Recommended Collections for Prison and Other Institution Law Libraries & Guidelines for Prison Law Libraries."

Webmaster Stephanie Davidson worked diligently this year to coordinate and implement a complete content inventory of the information on the SR-SIS website as part of an AALL move to upgrade AALLNET. Through this inventory we were also able to identify and include a number of updates to the SR-SIS site.

“Uncle Sam Wants Your Books!” is the theme of the SR-SIS 11th annual Children’s Book Drive. This year’s efforts will benefit the Heather Hill Elementary School. Heather Hill Elementary is in the Prince George’s County School District, a Maryland county that borders D.C. It is the 17th largest school district in the country, with a high population of under-served minorities and immigrants. It is also one of the most disadvantaged and economically distressed districts in Maryland, struggling with recent budget cuts and a community that has one of the highest
foreclosure rates in the country. Heather Hill Elementary serves a special population as it is a TAG magnet school, which, although it provides many opportunities for the students, also creates an extra burden for the constant renewal of library resources.

The 2009 Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues annual reception will be held at The Hotel Helix, located in downtown Washington, D.C. This year’s reception is sponsored by LexisNexis and WoltersKluwer.
The State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL) completed numerous activities during the year to carry out its strategic goals of advocacy and education. The SIS also reviewed a draft procedure manual prepared by Marcus Hochstetler, and, while it was accepted in principle, the editing and implementation of the manual was tabled for the following year.

Advocacy initiatives involved SIS participation in the Equal Justice Conference (EJC) in Orlando. The conference is co-sponsored by the ABA and the NLADA (National Legal Aid & Defender Association.) Two grants were awarded to SIS members to attend the program. Our participation informed the legal aid community about law library services that support pro se and pro bono efforts. In addition to promoting law library services, law librarian attendees also became more informed about new legal resources and services being delivered by the legal aid community.

Our SIS VIP program continued to include valuable members of the legal community who offer their strident support throughout the year to the work of law libraries in their locality. Judge Robert Bell, chief judge of Maryland Court of Appeals, will be our VIP at the AALL meeting in D.C.

While some libraries, such as Ohio, saw legislation that will likely help their county law libraries survive, others such as the Oakland County Law Library in Detroit, MI, are under attack through their local governmental authorities. The good news is that the local legal community including the library board and Director Laura Mancini are prepared to fight to keep the collection and location in Detroit, rather than being transferred to a private law school in Lansing, MI.

As for consumer advocacy, a meeting with West government sector representatives and members of our SIS occurred in Portland, and a summary report of the meeting was included in the SCCLL fall newsletter. A third meeting with West is scheduled for D.C. and is concentrated on various business practices and a renewed emphasis for serving the public through newer versions of Westlaw.

Our SIS educational initiatives included acceptance of five programs for D.C. Five grants of $950 were awarded to SIS members to attend the D.C conference. This amount was an additional $100 above the 2008 grants and still supported largely by a silent auction held at the SCCLL Breakfast/Business Meeting each year. The generosity of our members helps sustain this vital aid for those experiencing restrictions on their travel budgets.

Other SIS activities included revision of the charges for each SCCLL committee along with the addition of at least 40 new members to the committees. These volunteers helped to reinvigorate the activities of our members. The Appellate Law Library Standards are in the process of review, and a completion of this revision is expected in the coming year.

As for SIS honors this year, we are pleased to recognize the 2009 Bethany J. Ochal Award recipients: Shirley Hart David, Charles E. Dyer, Barbara Golden, Anne W. Grande, and Cossette
T. Sun. An announcement of the recipients will be published in the SCCLL newsletter and posted to the SCCLL list. Each recipient will receive a plaque.

In addition, the Awards Committee awarded the inaugural Law Library Advocate Award to the Honorable Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, for his tireless support of law libraries in Maryland.

SCCLL officers for 2008-09 were: Marcus Hochstetler, chair; Anne Matthewman, vice chair/chair-elect; Sara Galligan, immediate past chair; Amy Hale-Janeke, secretary/treasurer; Barbara Fritschel, Karen Quinn, and Meg Martin, board members; and Jennifer Dalglis, ex-officio board member and newsletter editor. New board members will be Kathy Carlson, vice chair/chair-elect; and Joan Bellstri, board member.

Marcus Hochstetler, chair
2008-09
The executive board of the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) for 2008-09 was composed of Linda Tesar, chair; Chris Long, vice chair/chair-elect; Wendy Moore, secretary-treasurer; Alan Keely, past chair; Carmen Brigandi and Betty Roeske, members-at-large; and Ajaye Bloomstone, Marilyn Estes, Carol Avery Nicholson, and Karen Nuckolls, standing committee chairs.

For the Washington, D.C. Meeting, TS-SIS sponsored four of the programs and one of the workshops accepted by the AMPC. PLL-SIS co-sponsored one of the programs; OBS-SIS co-sponsored another. The Education Committee also decided to host four programs, including the section’s own “hot topic.”

The executive board appointed a task force to study the needs and outcomes of the TS-SIS annual survey. The task force, chaired by Joe Thomas, concluded that the survey should be used only to gauge membership views on TS-SIS policies and specific issues. The Education Committee should be responsible for the development and analysis of programs. Recruitment of officers and volunteers should be solicited through the Volunteer Web Form (still in development).

The executive boards of the SIS’s involved in the TS/OBS/CS/RIPS Joint Reception surveyed their memberships to determine if the reception continued to serve a valid purpose. After evaluating the responses, the four SIS boards decided to hold the reception on the same night and at the same time as in previous years. Attendance will be closely monitored. The boards left open the option to reconsider the issue after the Annual Meeting in D.C.

The Awards Committee selected Kurt E. Conklin, Brigham Young University, as the 2009 recipient of the Renee Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship. Leslie K. Wakeford received the Marla Schwartz grant to support her attendance of CONELL, and additional grants were given to Ajaye Bloomstone, Iris Garcia, Lindsay Beth Given, Emily Philips, Victoria Sukhol, Richard Todd, and Jared Wellman. The awards covered registration for the Annual Meeting, workshops, and CONELL attendance.

The section invited Gabriel Horchler, head of the law section of the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Services Directorate at the Library of Congress to attend the Annual Meeting as this year’s TS-SIS VIP. Mr. Horchler’s section completes 90 percent of the law cataloging for the Law Library of Congress and he has never previously attended an AALL Annual Meeting.

Newly-elected officers for the coming year are Pam Deemer, vice-chair/chair-elect and Katrina Piechnik, member-at-large.

Issues awaiting resolution include a Handbook revision and the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development as a permanent administrative committee. More
detailed summaries of TS-SIS activities, including those of the representatives and standing committees, are available on the TS-SIS website.

Linda Tesar, chair
2008-09
Council of SIS Chairs 2008-09

The SIS Council consists of the chairs of the AALL’s 13 special interest sections (SISs). Its purpose is to improve communication among the sections, provide a conduit for bringing the needs of the sections to the AALL Executive Board, and provide a mechanism for distributing relevant information from Headquarters to SIS leaders.

Over the past 12 months, the council has operated effectively to fulfill these roles and has functioned as an efficient information pass-through for AALL Headquarters staff and others needing to get information out to SIS leaders and their SIS memberships.

The SIS Leadership Training is scheduled annually on the Saturday morning prior to the Annual Meeting. The purpose of this training is to help prepare incoming SIS chairs and vice chairs for their upcoming year of leadership, to prepare them to handle their duties, and to educate them about the inner workings of the Association. The 2009 SIS Leadership Training is scheduled for the morning of Saturday July 25th. The agenda includes updates from Celeste Smith on continuing professional education opportunities through AALL; Christine Graesser on sponsorships, the VIP Program, and who speaks for AALL; Jean Wenger on strategic directions; Pam Reisinger on meeting planning; Kathie Sullivan on AALLNET strategic planning and upcoming changes to AALLNET; Steve Anderson on 2010 annual meeting programming; and Marian Parker on vendor relations.

The SIS Council’s business meeting is scheduled annually on the Saturday afternoon prior to the Annual Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for discussing issues that came up during the year, to discuss and revise governance issues, to provide information, and to discuss ongoing issues to be addressed. The 2009 SIS Council business meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday July 25th at 1:15. Mary Alice Baish and Emily Feldman from the Government Relations Office will drop in to discuss how SISs can get involved in their work.

Dennis Sears, 2008-09 chair of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS, was elected SIS Council chair for 2009-10.

One unresolved issue that will need to be addressed in 2009-10 is the revision of the SIS Handbook. Specifically, the SIS Handbook section on resolutions (B. Communications - 1. Resolutions and Expressions of Opinion, p. 11-12) needs to be updated to reflect the Board's new policy and procedure on resolutions, which was passed at the spring 2009 Board meeting. The new policy is now on AALLNET at http://www.aallnet.org/about/resolution_guidelines.asp.

Ronald Wheeler, SIS Council chair 2008-09