Computing Services Special Interest Section 2009-2010 Annual Report

Annual Meeting
The Computing Services Special Interest Section sponsored eight educational programs, one roundtable, and one workshop at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Denver. Programs topics ranged from mobile applications and e-book readers to digital preservation to database design and ownership. Drawing on positive feedback from previous Cool Tools programs and workshops showcasing various emerging technologies, we continued with the theme this year but changed to a hands-on format. At the “Cool Tools Café,” over 20 CS-SIS members demonstrated tools and gadgets that help librarians create, organize, and deliver information, increase productivity, and connect with users.

CS-SIS also provided support for “Lawberry Camp 2010,” a user-generated un-conference organized by members Jason Eiseman and Sarah Glassmeyer.

Under the direction of our Education Committee chaired by Dan Blackaby, CS-SIS live-streamed video and audio of several of our programs. CS-SIS also participated at the CONELL Marketplace and in the exhibits area again this year thanks to the coordination of Recruitment and Involvement Chair Jean Willis.

Awards and Grants
Richard Leiter (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) was awarded the Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award in 2010. The award honors a CS-SIS member who has made outstanding contributions to the SIS and to AALL, and who is well regarded for his or her service to the profession.

We continued our practice of providing grants to worthy AALL members to attend the Annual Meeting. The Grants Committee, chaired by Monica Sharum, gave grants to two members who we look forward to working with CS-SIS in the years to come. Our Newer Librarian grant was awarded to Cynthia Bassett (University of Missouri-Columbia). Our Experienced Librarian grant was awarded to Marin Dell (Florida State University).

In addition, the Computing Services Special Interest Section also awarded a registration grant to incoming Chair Deborah Ginsberg in recognition of the significant amount of work entailed in chairing this special interest section.

Communication
The Computing Services Special Interest section continues to use new technologies to reach our members. In addition to keeping content current on our website and blog, we also added new content to our wiki, such as lists of librarians using LibGuides and Twitter, as well as an update to our list of law library blogs. CS-SIS also communicates through our listserv and Twitter feed.

Adaptive Technology Committee Chair Ryan Overdorf performed a study on the accessibility of the CS-SIS wiki and hopes to make improvements in the coming year.

Officers
The following people served as officers for 2009-2010: Bonnie Shucha, chair; Deborah Ginsberg, vice chair/chair-elect; Melissa Serfass, secretary/treasurer; Meg Kribble, senior member-at-large; Jason Eiseman, junior member-at-large; and Victoria Szymczak, immediate past chair. This year, new duties were added to the members-at-large position. The junior member serves as the chair of the Communications Committee, and the senior member coordinates non-AMPC events as a member of the Program Planning Committee.

Incoming officers for 2010-2011 include Deborah Ginsberg as chair, Meg Kribble as vice chair/chair-elect, Melissa Serfass as secretary/treasurer, Jason Eiseman as senior member-at-large, Dan Blackaby as junior member-at-large, and Bonnie Shucha as immediate past chair.

CS-SIS thanks the Nominations Committee, chaired by Victoria Szymczak, for proposing an excellent slate of candidates this year, and secretary/treasurer, Melissa Serfass, for organizing the election.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Shucha
Chair 2009-2010