Micrographics/Audiovisual SIS 2009-2010 Annual Report

The Micrographics/Audiovisual Special Interest Section officers for 2009-2010 were Glen McBeth (Washburn University School of Law Library), chair; and Ryan S. Overdorf (University of Toledo College of Law LaValley Law Library), vice chair/chair-elect. Terrence McCormack (the University at Buffalo Law School Charles B. Sears Law Library, State University of New York) continued as secretary/treasurer. Laura Ray (Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library) continued as education coordinator.

The highly specialized expertise of M/AV-SIS members was again on display at the recently concluded 2010 Annual Meeting. M/AV-SIS presented “Documenting the Law: Video Instruction and Documentaries in Legal Education.” Terrence McCormack and Laura Ray were joined on the panel by Professor Teresa Miller of the University of at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York.

M/AV-SIS also presented "Changing Channels: How New FCC Regulations for Wireless Microphones and Wireless Broadband Affect (Almost) Everyone," a program educating attendees about recent FCC regulatory changes (made possible by the DTV transition) that had a significant impact on the operation of wireless microphones at AALL member institutions. Ryan S. Overdorf was joined on the panel by Terence McCormack and Professor Brad Bernthal of the University of Colorado Law School. "Changing Channels" continued the exploration of the consequences of the DTV transition first begun by M/AV-SIS with its DTV transition program at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

M/AV-SIS is entering its own time of transition. It recently redid its website, has begun a study of possible revisions to its bylaws, and is considering a name change. It has begun to reach out to its membership regarding these issues. Because many members of the Association are unaware of or unfamiliar with M/AV-SIS, it is also renewing efforts to publicize its work to others who can benefit from joining the SIS.

M/AV-SIS is confident that it can identify any necessary changes during the coming year and that it will emerge better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan S. Overdorf
Chair 2010-2012