State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS Annual Report 2012-2013

2012-2013 Officers: Barbara Fritschel, Chair; Larry Meyer, Vice Chair; Rita Dermody, Secretary-Treasurer; Coral Henning, Betsy Vipperman and Holly Lakatos, Members-at-Large; and Amy Hale-Janeke, Past Chair.

Focus this year was on getting several administrative items completed. The first one was updating the bylaws which were approved by both the AALL Bylaw committee and the membership. In addition, a project mentorship program was started where people could sign up to be mentors on specific topics/areas of law including Self Help desks, marketing, Ipad applications, collaborating with attorneys, and changing ILS systems.

The Appellate and State Law Library guidelines were revised in the spring of 2013. The changes reflect the move from print to online resources as well as the role of these libraries in providing access to justice. The guidelines were approved by the membership and were approved by the AALL Executive Board at the July 2013 meeting.

Lastly, the fourth guide in the SCCLL Resource Guide, made possible by a grant from Lexis Nexis was completed. The topic was Self Represented Litigants. This was a project that was started several years ago but fell through the cracks.

Several travel grants were given this year. One grant was given to Lisa Winkler to attend the AALL Management Institute. Three grants were given to members to attend the annual meeting including grants to Jenny Fujinaka, Julie Jones and Nicole Dyszlewski. Unlike previous years, there were no applicants for the Equal Access to Justice Conference grant.

The experience with the new programming procedures caused difficulty in the SIS determining what its’ role in annual meeting programming should be. Only two people submitted programs through the SIS for consideration. One program, Equitable, Accessible and Affordable—Equity Principles Inspire Workable Technology Solutions, was chosen by AMPC. The SIS sponsored program was When Cookie Cutter Services Won’t Cut It: Brainstorming Services for Public Patrons. Approximately 45 people participated in this brainstorming session.

2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of the State and Court Librarians, which coincidently took place in Seattle. This group, four years later, would become the State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS.

Officers for next year are: Larry Meyer, Chair; Maryruth Storer, Vice Chair; Jennifer Murray, Secretary-Treasurer; Coral Henning, Betsy Vipperman and James Dunham, Members-at-Large; and Barbara Fritschel, Past Chair.