

Technical Services SIS Annual Report 2012-2013

The Executive Board of the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) for 2012-2013 was composed of Miriam Childs, Chair; Ismael Gullon, Past Chair; Hollie White, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Paone and Cindy Spadoni, Members-at-Large; and four standing committee chairs: Trina Holloway (Acquisitions); George Prager (Cataloging and Classification); Lauren Seney (Preservation); and Wendy Moore (Serials).

TS-SIS sponsored a program entitled "Law for the Non-JD" and AMPC approved a pre-conference workshop entitled "RDA Cataloging Cooperative" for the Seattle meeting. Two of the presenters at the workshop, Adam Schiff and Steve Shadle, were TS-SIS VIPs.

Sally Wambold is the recipient of the Renee Chapman Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship for 2013. The Awards Committee awarded the Marla J. Schwartz grant to Antoinette Vanterpool and two educational grants to Diana Menashi and Joseph Reimers.

The TS-SIS Executive Board presented a certificate of appreciation to past editor Virginia Bryant for her outstanding leadership of and service to the *Technical Services Law Librarian* from 2008-2013.

Due to changes in the process of submitting programs to AMPC, the composition and charge of the TS Education Committee needed to be updated. In addition, the Executive Board began to approve minutes by email so that the minutes could be posted more quickly to the TS website. The handbook amendments were adopted.

The TS-SIS website migration was completed in the spring. The Executive Board updated the TS brochure. TS also started a Twitter account (@AALL_TS-SIS) and created a Facebook page called TSLawChats.

The Preservation Standing Committee heightened its profile on the TS website, making available several useful resources, such as the "Preservation Tip of the Month." With the assistance of the Membership Committee, the Executive Board purchased badge ribbons with different colors for new and established TS Members. The TS silent auction was successful. The new TS brochures, pencils, and post-it notes were made available at the activities table. The section grew by approximately 20 members.

The Chair of the Cataloging and Classification Committee spent a few weeks at LC to assist Jolande Goldberg, Senior Cataloging Policy Specialist/Law Classification Specialist, mainly with refining the Class KIA-KIK Indigenous American schedule. The work of the Standing Committee's subcommittees follows. The Classification and Subject Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group (CSCP) proposed allowing the subheading "Law and legislation" for crimes. The SACO Law Funnel submitted eight subject heading proposals, with seven approved by LC. Also a proposal was made to revise the genre/form term "Commentaries (Civil law systems)" to "Law commentaries." The Descriptive Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group

(DCAG) continues to work with John Hostage, AALL's representative to ALA's Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access (CC:DA) about revisions and updates to RDA. A major effort involved submitting a revision proposal for the entry of treaties in RDA, which was eventually accepted. The Task Group on Vendor Supplied Records (VBR) continues to work with Serials Solutions in finding out ways to reduce duplication in its database and worked with ProQuest to improve its records in the Legislative Insight database. The next initiative is to help vendors navigate RDA and the provider-neutral record.

The 2012/2013 Exchange of Duplicates program had 18 participants in the fall and 14 in the spring. The program raised \$360.00. Membership in the program continues to decline every year. Possibly the exchange may happen only once a year or only if a minimum threshold of libraries participate.

In the next year TS hopes to improve its communication with all members so that many more feel engaged with the section and with AALL. A task force will be created to study the current methods of communication and suggest improvements.

Submitted by Miriam Childs, TS-SIS Chair