The Government Documents Special Interest Section (GD-SIS) continued to have an active and productive year. The officers of the GD-SIS during 2014-15 were Edward T. Hart, Chair; Kate Irwin-Smiler, Vice Chair; Camilla Tubbs, Past Chair; Amy Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer; and Cate Kellet, Member-at-Large.

GD-SIS members continue to write and update the AALL State Documents Bibliography series. We had two updated bibliographies, Louisiana and Texas. Volunteers are working on eleven bibliographies for future release. Our arrangement with William S. Hein & Company for the distribution of the bibliographies continues. Electronic versions of the new and historical bibliographies are included in the Spinelli’s Law Library Reference Shelf library on Hein, for which we received a royalty this year of $5,315.67. Hein reports the sales of print copies of the bibliographies dropped off completely.

JURISDOCS, the SIS’s newsletter, came under new co-editors this year with Stacy Fowler and Michael Umberger. Grateful thanks was given to Camilla Tubbs and Kate Irwin-Smiler for their service as our editors. Volume 36 was complete with two new issues.

The GD-SIS was pleased to sponsor a workshop and a program at the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The workshop was “AALL Hackathon: Connecting Legal Information,” organized by Shawn Friend and Jennifer Wondracek. It was an opportunity for AALL members to build new ways of accessing government information and datasets. The one program the SIS sponsored was “Quality Digitization Projects on a Budget.” This program was coordinated by Marilyn K. Nicely and Camilla Tubbs and at which Erik Beck, Melissa J. Bernstein and Victoria K. Trotta spoke. While not a sponsor, members of the SIS were encourage to attend a number of other programs including “Public Policy Update” and “Confronting Future of Information Policy.”
At our annual business meeting on July 21, 2015, the membership heard from Mary Alice Baish, Superintendent of Documents, and Hallie Pritchett, Chair of FDLP Council, provided us updates on GPO and FDLP.

The Grants Committee gave out a number of grants this year. For the AALL Management Institute, a grant was given to Carolyn Hamilton. One grant to support a SIS’s member’s attendance at AALL in Philadelphia was given to Amy Taylor. The Veronica Maclay Grant to support a student’s attendance to AALL Annual Meeting was awarded to Artie Berns.

Our election was held in May of 2015. The membership elected Jennifer Wondracek as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Rebecca Kunkel as Secretary/Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward T. Hart
GD-SIS Chair, 2014-15
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