

Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) 2015-2016 Annual Report

The 2015-2016 ALL-SIS Executive Board Members were: Jocelyn Kennedy, Chair; Prano Amjadi, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Susan David deMaine, Secretary/Treasurer; Kate Irwin-Smiler, Member-at-Large; and Christine Iaconeta, Immediate Past Chair.

The Executive Board began the process of reviewing and updating the ALL-SIS Committee charges and committee structure. As part of this review, Executive Board members reached out to all committee chairs to solicit feedback on their individual committee charges, with a particular view to the relevance of the committee's charge to its work. A deeper analysis of committee charges will continue in the upcoming year.

In the spirit of innovative thinking and maximizing the use of time allocated to committees during the Annual Meeting, the ALL-SIS Executive Board held its Business Meeting via WebEx in late June, 2016. Holding the meeting remotely allowed more time at the Annual Meeting breakfast for networking, conversation and to hear from our guest speaker, Amy Affelt, author of *The Accidental Data Scientist: Big Data Applications and Opportunities for Librarians and Information Professionals*.

At the Annual Meeting reception, held at the Loyola University of Chicago Law Library, the Awards Committee presented the ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award to Catherine Lemmer for *Using Competitive Intelligence Instruction to Develop Practice-Ready Legal Professionals*. The Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship was presented to Darcy Kirk. The Awards Committee also issued three grants for the Annual Meeting. The Active Member Stimulus Grant went to Creighton Miller and the Regular Member Stimulus Grant went to Ashley Sundin. Casandra Laskowski and Susan Urban received grants to attend CONELL, while Susan Gaultier, Benjamin Keel and Austin Williams received AALL Leadership Academy Grants.

The Scholarly Communications Committee published a report on Citation Metrics that examines a variety of citation metric tools/processes used by our colleagues at law schools around the country or available from vendors. The report is available in the ALL-SIS Communities page.

The Programs Committee supported members proposing programs for the 2016 Annual Meeting by reviewing and commenting on their program proposals. The Committee also successfully proposed, planned and presented *Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians* which was very well attended at the Annual Meeting by both private and academic librarians alike.

The ALL-NEW Committee began revamping outreach methods to newer members of our SIS and profession. They updated their brochure and participated in speed-networking and the marketplace at CONELL. The Committee plans to continue its forward momentum in the coming year.

The Membership Committee updated its welcome kit, sent to all new members of the SIS and reached out to members who have left the SIS. Our membership is declining and the committee is working to retain membership.

The Strategic Planning Committee held a roundtable at the annual meeting and we anticipate that the plan will be in place in the fall of 2016.

Many of the ALL-SIS committees updated their toolkits, including the Collection Development Toolkit, the Faculty Services Toolkit, the Marketing & Outreach Toolkit, the Welcome Kit maintained by the Membership Committee, and the Student Services Toolkit.

For the complete text of each committee report, visit our website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/all/committees/reports>.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn Kennedy
Chair, 2015-2016