

## **Computing Services Special Interest Section Annual Report 2015-2016**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Computing Services SIS had another successful Annual Meeting. We sponsored a hot topics session, a workshop, and organized a great Cool Tools Café educational program. Other CS activities at the Annual Meeting included the Joint Reception (CS/OBS/RIPS/TS), Karaoke with Ken, and the Breakfast and Business Meeting.

The Hot Topics program was a presentation and discussion of the Case Analysis Research Assistant functionality of Casetext and its utility in legal research. Pablo Arredondo, Vice-President for Legal Research of Casetext, presented. Cool Tools Café was a “Must-Have Program” and again well attended this year. Kurt Meyer and Jessica Hanes coordinated over twenty presentations into two slates over the B and C time slots.

Approximately fifty CS members attended the Breakfast and Business Meeting. Topics discussed included the implementation of the CS strategic plan and CS governance, the website migration, committee and Treasurer reports, and awards.

### **Awards and Grants Committee**

Kris Niedringhaus was awarded the 2016 Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award. Kris has contributed to CS and AALL in numerous ways, including involvement in over 20 AALL or CALI educational programs, two stints on the CS-SIS Executive Board including as Chair, serving on the CALI Executive Board, and serving on AMPC and more than a dozen CS committees.

CS also awarded three Annual Meeting Grants:

- Two for experienced librarians: Mari Cheney and Kris Niedringhaus
- Grant for students & new librarians: Lacy Rakestraw

The Grants & Awards Committee was chaired by Jean Willis.

### **Education Committee**

The CS Education Committee presented an AALL-wide webinar in July. “Creating Engaging Digital Content to Teach and Promote Library Services” with presenters Beverly Butul and John Cannan was a success with a high attendance.

The Education Committee was chaired by Kristopher Turner.

### **Strategic Plan Implementation & CS Governance**

The Board spent a lot of time this year advancing the strategic plan and Executive Board practices.

Changes implemented this year included:

- Regular conference call meetings for the Board
- Liaisons between Board members and CS committees

- The Chair studied existing CS documentation and wrote a report on Succession Planning and Archives with recommendations. The report recommended a consolidation of documentation currently spread between individuals, the website, and the wiki. All documentation will now be housed in a CS Executive Board Google Drive account. The Chair also began to implement the requirement for committee chairs to write documentation to aid in succession planning.
- In Spring 2016, the Website Content Review Taskforce was convened to review the content and organization of the CS website. In 2016-17, the Board will focus on updating the website based on these recommendations including re-organizing the website and integrating appropriate wiki content into the website. Out-of-date wiki content will be archived.
- The first Vice-Chair Project was undertaken this year. The Vice-Chair submitted an AALL webinar proposal that was ultimately not selected.
- The Executive Board reviewed the existing CS committee structure and revised the Program Planning Committee and reworked the Communications Committee into the Blog Committee.

### **Website Migration**

Tom Boone, the CS webmaster, completed the migration to AALL's content management system. The CS blog will continue to function on a separate platform, but will display on the AALL CS page.

### **Officers**

The following served as officers for the year: Chair: Kincaid C. Brown, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cynthia Bassett, Secretary/Treasurer: Kara Young, Member-At-Large: Patrick Butler, and Immediate Past-Chair: Caroline Young. Incoming officers for the next year will include Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jessica de Perio Wittman, and Member-At-Large: Alex Berrio Matamoros. We thank Caroline Young for chairing the Nominations Committee and providing an excellent slate of candidates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kincaid C. Brown, CS Chair, 2015-16