

GD-SIS Annual Report, 2015-2016
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The Government Documents Special Interest Section was active in a number of areas this year. Officers for the year were Chair, Kate Irwin-Smiler; Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Jenny Wondracek; Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Kunkel; Member at Large, Cate Kellett; Immediate Past Chair, Ed Hart.

The Advocacy Committee monitored and reported on issues through the SIS newsletter and SIS community forum. Issues monitored included legislation related to Congressional Research Service reports and funding of the Government Publishing Office; the nomination of Dr. Carla Hayden as the Librarian of Congress; new policies regarding potential discards by regional Federal Depository Libraries; and the status of annual supplements to the United States Code.

The FDLP Task Force Committee primarily worked to establish the boundaries of the committee and to come up with a new name, the FDLP Advisory Committee. Its goal will be to advise the SIS on ways in law librarians can participate in the FDLP and monitor issues in the FDLP, along with the Advocacy Committee. The two committees have already started working to define priorities.

The Grants Committee awarded 5 grants: for the AALL Business Skills Clinic to Bonnie Shucha; to the Federal Depository Library Council Meeting & Conference to Charlotte Schneider & Taryn Marks; and for the AALL Annual Meeting to Rena K. Stoeber and Sheri Huppert. The Veronica Maclay Student Grant was not awarded this year. (An additional Executive Board Grant funded Jenny Wondracek's travel to the Depository Library Council meeting and Conference in accordance with our bylaws; that does not go through the grants committee.) The Committee has recommended that additional information to be posted on the website to provide clarification to applicants and committee members regarding available grants.

The editors of Jurisdocs published three newsletter issues on the website. The Nominations Committee ran a successful election; Cate Kellett was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Charlotte Schneider was elected Member at Large.

Programming for the Annual Meeting was very successful. The Program Committee decided to sponsor an externally proposed program; the program "Harvesting Democracy: Archiving Federal Government Web Content at End of Term" was very successful. The SIS also co-sponsored the AALL Hackathon for the third year, another success. While the Hackathon has been an SIS sponsored "workshop" to this point, the coordinators of the Hackathon and SIS leadership petitioned the AALL board unsuccessfully to consider an alternate funding method.

The Public Relations Committee adapted the usual table display the poster format in Chicago, even managing to display the SIS mascot, Addie the Eagle. The SIS flyer has

not been updated this year. The poster was staffed during Exhibit Hall breaks and the section had a table during the CONELL Marketplace as well.

The SIS publishing relationship with Hein remains strong. There is now a state bibliography for each state and the District of Columbia. Three updated bibliographies were released in 2015. The next goal is to update any bibliography older than 10 years. Volunteers are working on 12 bibliographies currently.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Irwin-Smiler
Immediate Past Chair