

that would convert the three “library-type” SISs to “divisions” of the Association. The Council formally asked the Executive Board to consider this idea during its fall 2000 meeting. While no decision has been reached to date, the Board is actively considering the advantages and disadvantages of such a change.

¶9 Eighth, a new chair of the SIS Council was elected from among the Council’s members. Ruth Johnson Hill, 2000–01 chair of the Academic Law Libraries SIS, will be chair of the SIS Council during 2001–02.

¶10 Ninth, a thirteenth edition of the *SIS Handbook*, revised to include the SIS sponsorship solicitation policy adopted by the Executive Board, a clarification regarding SIS newsletter advertising, and updates to individual SIS profiles and bylaws, was distributed to SIS leaders during the annual leadership training session in Minneapolis.

¶11 Tenth, leadership training was held for SIS leaders in Minneapolis. The training session included a review of the SIS Mission and Vision statements and a discussion of some of the more difficult problems of chairing an SIS. An introduction to the *SIS Handbook* made the new chairs aware of all the information available within that source, and remarks from some of the senior AALL staff helped to acquaint them with personnel who could provide information and assistance throughout the year. The leaders also heard from other AALL leaders who outlined their relationships with Special Interest Sections. Following the training session, SIS leaders joined chapter leaders for the annual Chapter/SIS Leaders Luncheon. This year’s luncheon was generously sponsored by LexisNexis. President-Elect Barbara Bintliff was the featured luncheon speaker.

Kristin Gerdy, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 The officers of the ALL/SIS for 2000–01 were Ruth J. Hill, Chair; Rosalie Sanderson, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Beth Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; Paul George, Member-at-Large (appointed for a one-year term); and Victoria K. Trotta, Past Chair. For 2001–02, Merle Slyhoff was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Bonnie Koneski-White was elected Member-at-Large for a two-year term.

¶2 The goals for the year were to continue strengthening the section infrastructure begun by recent executive committees and to increase membership involvement in section activities. Most of the committees, roundtables, and special project groups were active this year.

¶3 The Awards Committee selected Frank Houdek as the 2001 recipient of the Hicks Award for outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship. The committee also submitted a proposal for a new award: ALL/SIS Outstanding Article Award. The details of this award will be distributed to the membership during the coming year. The Bylaws Committee proposed a bylaw change to deal with succession of office in the event of the disability or withdrawal of the chair. This proposal was discussed at the business meeting and the membership will have an opportunity to approve the change during the spring election in 2002. The

CONALL Committee continued to plan activities of interest to newer academic law librarians. The committee presented a roundtable at the Annual Meeting addressing the various publication opportunities for academic law librarians. The Membership and the Public Relations committees were responsible for the section's presence in the activities area at the Annual Meeting exhibit hall. The ALL/SIS Web site editor, David Burch, maintained the site by posting all relevant section documents. Shaun Esposito assumed the editorship of the newsletter and produced three timely issues. Leah Sandwell-Weiss was responsible for mounting the newsletter on the section's Web site.

¶14 The ALL/SIS Annual Meeting activities included an executive committee meeting, a formal business meeting, a directors' breakfast, and a middle-managers' breakfast. The section luncheon, partially supported by a generous contribution from LexisNexis, was well attended. A wonderful evening reception, fully sponsored by BNA, was held at the Elmer L. Andersen Library of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Joan Howland and the staff of the University of Minnesota Law Library did an outstanding job of hosting this event. Of special note were the string quartet, the tours of subterranean storage caverns, and the Sherlock Holmes exhibit.

¶15 The section presented four educational programs: "David In, Goliath Out? Do We Need Larger Libraries to Accommodate More Books?"; "The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for Newer Academic Law Librarians?"; "Wireless Network: Is It Time to Untether Users?"; and "Alternatives to 'Putting It on Reserve': The Role of Faculty Web Sites and the Reality for Libraries." Thanks to Dwight King, education chair, and his committee for a job well done. Along with educational programs, the section presented six roundtables covering continuing status/tenure, strategic planning, publication requirements, legal research, statistics, and CALR vendor dialog.

¶16 Volunteers are the lifeblood of ALL/SIS. Its success is largely due to the willingness of so many of its members to say "yes" when called upon. Thanks are extended to all ALL/SIS volunteers for their contributions to the work of the section.

Ruth J. Hill, Chair

Computing Services

¶11 The Computing Services Special Interest Section enjoyed a productive year marked by two overall themes. The first focused on efforts to increase visibility within AALL and among CS-SIS members. The second was to continue successful projects and activities developed in recent years.

¶12 In terms of increasing visibility, the greatest accomplishment was the resurrection of the CS-SIS newsletter. The Publications Committee, chaired by James Duggan, served as an advisory committee for the editors of the newsletter, Liz Glankler and Sandra Braber-Grove. The committee sponsored a "Name the New Newsletter" contest with an award of \$50 (generously donated by Duggan) to the