

¶6 The SIS Council business meeting was held on Saturday afternoon. The scheduling of SIS committee meetings and roundtables opposite educational programs was discussed. Most of the council members expressed a need to have this time to conduct the business of their sections. Outgoing chairs were presented certificates of appreciation by council chair Ruth Hill. Anita Anderson, SCCLL chair for 2001–02, was installed as the new chair for 2002–03.

Ruth Johnson Hill, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 This was a busy and productive year for ALL-SIS. My initial goals included completing a draft strategic plan and *creating connections* (following the 2002 Annual Meeting theme) to enhance our productivity and visibility. As an organization, our strength comes from our cooperation and connections, both internal and external. We make critical external connections with our law schools, our sister law library organizations, and other law groups such as the ABA and AALS. Section activities of the past year helped create and strengthen these connections. The following paragraphs highlight significant ALL-SIS activities in 2001–02, but the list is by no means comprehensive. Many members worked very hard this year, and it is impossible to mention all of their contributions.

¶2 Under the leadership of Mark Bernstein, the Strategic Planning Committee drafted an ALL-SIS Strategic Plan for the next three years. This plan builds upon the work of previous committees that developed a mission statement and a preamble. Committee members made an effort in our own ALL-SIS plan to further the strategic directions and outcomes identified in the AALL Strategic Plan in ways that fit the academic milieu. The plan should provide a blueprint for exciting future initiatives that will benefit all academic law librarians.

¶3 With a view toward creating and enhancing external connections, this year's Public Relations Committee under Sue Burch's leadership revised and redesigned the ALL-SIS brochure. The new brochure is a striking snapshot of the activities and history of the SIS. It provides a welcome to new and prospective members and introduces us to law faculty, deans, and other librarians. We formalized other vital external connections this year by appointing an official liaison to the ABA Section of Legal Education Law Libraries Committee and to the Association of American Law Schools Committee on Libraries and Technology.

¶4 The outstanding ALL-SIS educational program this year helped create connections both within our own SIS and with other convention attendees. The Education Committee, chaired by Tim Coggins, planned several programs for the Annual Meeting, including one reaching outside academia: "From Town to Gown: Law Librarians Connecting in a New Workplace." Strengthening our internal connections and sharing ideas about new services and products has always been a major activity. This year we welcomed new academic law librarians with a CONALL program chaired by Jim Heller that focused on law librarians' roles in teaching legal research in law school.

¶5 As SIS chair I appointed task forces to examine several core academic law library concerns that are regularly discussed on the discussion lists and beg for attention: library support for law journals, advanced legal research instruction, and collection development. The task forces were a formal vehicle to promote cooperation, share ideas, and suggest solutions. Though their work is not yet complete, each made great strides and their work products will be shared on the ALL-SIS Web site in the future.

¶6 The Awards Committee, chaired by Tori Trotta, selected several academic librarians to receive special recognition. Dick Danner was awarded the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship, and Melissa Serfass and Jessie Cranford received the inaugural ALL-SIS Outstanding Article Award for “Federal and State Court Rules Governing Publication and Citation of Opinions,” 3 *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* 251 (2001). The Awards Committee also suggested that the section consider initiating some new awards for other academic law library contributions.

¶7 The ALL-SIS has made great strides this year, building on work done by members in previous years. Hopefully the blueprint provided by the new strategic plan will lead to continued cooperative activity and help us make vital connections and contributions in our law schools and in our profession in the future.

Rosalie Sanderson, Chair

Computing Services

¶1 Enthusiastic member involvement highlighted a successful 2001–02 year for the Computing Services Special Interest Section. The section continues to be one of AALL’s more active SISs by virtue of the extraordinary contributions of a large subset of the section’s 500+ members.

¶2 The most visible evidence of member involvement centered on the section’s educational programs and round tables offered at the 2002 Annual Meeting. Coordinating and moderating programs at the Orlando Meeting were D.R. Jones (“Do You Need an Intranet?”), Hadi Amjadi (“Creating Quicker Connections: Cleaning Up the Windows Registry to Provide Smoother Operation of Library and Law School PCs”), Mark Folmsbee (“Judges Are from Venus; Technology Is from Mars: Courtroom Innovations of the Twenty-First Century”), and Victoria Szymczak (“Peek-A-Boo, I See You! Computer Desktop and Network Security Issues That You Need to Know”). The Program Committee, chaired by James Duggan, submitted six program proposals. The SIS also sponsored two round tables for library computer personnel: “Web Design and Maintenance” (coordinated by Dom Grillo) and “Technology Competencies” (coordinated by Kris Niedringhaus). Overall responsibility for round-table coordination was provided by Kris Niedringhaus.

¶3 The section’s twice-yearly newsletter, *Connecting . . .*, continued to attract substantive articles and timely section announcements, and enjoyed a second year under co-editors Liz Glankler and Sandy Braber-Grove. The future of the newslet-