

¶3 Many SISs are interested in conducting electronic elections. In spring 2004, the Computing Services SIS became the first to conduct an electronic election. AALL will conduct electronic elections in fall 2004, and if this process goes well, it could be made available for the SISs in 2005. Preparation for electronic elections was discussed at the SIS Leadership Training and at the SIS Council business meeting in Boston in July 2004.

¶4 Don Arndt, CS-SIS Chair for 2003–04, was elected as the 2004–05 SIS Council Chair.

D.R. Jones, Chair

### *Academic Law Libraries*

¶1 The Academic Law Libraries SIS celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary year with great fanfare.

¶2 In direct response to an initiative of the AALL Strategic Plan, the Marketing Toolkit Task Force, chaired by Barbara Bintliff, completed work this year on a project to develop content for an academic law library marketing initiative. The task force's final product is posted on the ALL-SIS's Web site for use by all academic librarians.

¶3 The Statistics Committee, cochaired by Darin Fox and Leonette Williams, sponsored a two-week AALL Professional Development Electronic Discussion on the ABA annual questionnaire. A report on the discussion was published in the *ALL-SIS Newsletter*.

¶4 The Membership Committee, chaired by Erika Wayne, designed a new membership brochure, which is posted on the Web site, and put together a welcome kit for new members. It also completed a very significant project for the future of the SIS—an online membership survey. The results of this survey are posted on the Web site and were discussed at the business meeting in Boston.

¶5 The Collection Development Committee, chaired by Margie Axtmann, completed a training outline for new collection development librarians which was posted on the Web site. The committee is nearing completion of an annotated bibliography on workflow and procedures for collection development and an annotated list of selection tools.

¶6 The Legal Research Committee, cochaired by Beth DiFelice and Wendy Scott, launched an electronic survey to gather data about advanced legal research courses; it also conducted an informal workshop in Boston for instructors of advanced legal research.

¶7 The Program Committee, cochaired by Ajaye Bloomstone and Joanne Dugan, sponsored three programs in Boston. Five roundtables were held: Continuing Status/Tenure, chaired by Brian Huddleston; Collection Development, chaired by Margie Axtmann; Support for Law Journals, chaired by Lisa Peters; Working with Online Vendors, chaired by Nancy McMurrer; and Faculty Services, a new roundtable chaired by Janet C. Katz and Raquel M. Ortiz.

¶8 In other committee activity, the Awards Committee, chaired by James Duggan, selected Timothy L. Coggins for the Frederick C. Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship and Nancy Carol Carter and Matthew Cordon for the Outstanding Article Award. The CALI Committee, chaired by Nancy Johnson, worked with CALI to produce numerous legal research exercises along with a revision of the legal research grid. The Visiting Librarians Committee, chaired by Richard Leiter, brought a proposal to the Board. The Newsletter Committee, chaired by Shaun Esposito, published three newsletters. Mark Folmsbee served as our discussion list manager, and David Burch was our webmaster.

¶9 Other committee chairs were Amy Osborne, Public Relations Committee; Merle Slyhoff and Ellen Platt, Anniversary Celebration Committee; Anna Teller, Nominations Committee; and Brian Huddleston, Continuing Status/Tenure Committee.

¶10 The section conducted a number of recurring events in Boston, including the annual reception and awards ceremony at Harvard Law Library, the annual CONALL program geared to new academic law librarians, the middle managers' and directors' breakfasts, and the breakfast and business meeting, a portion of which was used to discuss the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools and Interpretations to give feedback to the ABA Law Libraries Committee. Terry Martin and Kim Dulin served as local arrangements for the reception, Anne Meyers chaired the middle managers' breakfast, Filippa Anzalone chaired the directors' breakfast, and Marian Parker chaired the CONALL Committee.

¶11 The 2003–04 Executive Board consisted of Sally Wise, Chair; Carole Hinchcliff, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Kit Kreilick, Secretary/Treasurer; Merle Slyhoff, Past Chair; and Suzanne Thorpe, Board Member.

Sally Wise, Chair

### *Computing Services*

¶1 The Computing Services SIS held the first all-electronic election in AALL history, thanks to Ken Hirsh. As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Ken drafted an amendment to allow for electronic balloting which was subsequently approved. He then set up a secure electronic voting mechanism that is more efficient and cost-effective than paper balloting, while preserving each member's right to a secret ballot. After the election was held and publicized in April 2004, CS-SIS received requests from other sections on both the bylaws requirements and technical aspects of conducting electronic elections. Ken shared his expertise on this at the SIS Council business meeting in Boston.

¶2 The CS-SIS also achieved greater visibility among the entire association by submitting articles for almost every issue of the "SIS News" column in *AALL Spectrum*. Activities that were highlighted included educational programs, service initiatives, philanthropic work, accomplishments of the SIS as a whole, and