

a more positive note, AALL's VIP Program was expanded this year to include SISs, starting with the 2005 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, and several SISs are availing themselves of this opportunity to invite their stakeholders to attend. This will serve to enhance the image of law librarians in the eyes of judges, partners, and deans.

¶2 Six SISs conducted electronic elections in spring 2005. Five SISs conducted paper ballots, but most of them expressed interest in moving to an electronic format once their bylaws are appropriately amended. Two sections failed to conduct elections in the spring, one because its chair is in the first year of a two-year term and the other because it did not meet the election deadline specified in its bylaws. That section will hold an election at its annual business meeting in San Antonio.

¶3 Once again this year the scheduling matrix was successfully used to plan SIS meetings, programs, and events for San Antonio, while preventing major conflicts between SISs with common memberships. In the future, the matrix will be an even more critical tool since the AALL Executive Board decided to allow SISs to schedule their own educational programming during the same time slots as AMPC-approved programming, starting with the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis. These time slots were previously subject to a no-conflict rule.

¶4 AALL has organized a joint SIS and chapter leadership summit to be held in September 2005. The SISs have also been encouraged to take part in AALL's centennial celebration activities next year in St. Louis by developing ideas and providing volunteers for skits or other creative displays, as well as compiling oral histories of each SIS's founding members to send to the AALL archives.

¶5 Carole Hinchcliff, ALL-SIS chair for 2004–05, was elected as the 2005–06 SIS Council Chair.

Don Arndt, Chair

Academic Law Libraries

¶1 A record number of ALL-SIS members, approximately 140, served on committees during 2004–05, and their efforts along with contributions from other volunteers culminated in a productive year for the section. The ALL-SIS membership stands at approximately 1070 members.

¶2 The ALL-SIS Centennial Celebration Committee, led by Rosalie Sanderson, was formed to contribute to AALL's centennial celebration. An article describing one hundred years of firsts in academic law libraries will be published in *AALL Spectrum*, and personal stories of law librarians with twenty-five or more years of experience are being compiled.

¶3 In its first year, the Faculty Services Committee, cochaired by Janet Katz and Raquel Ortiz, conducted a survey of law library faculty services, established a faculty services roundtable discussion list, and began work on a Web page.

¶4 Jennifer Murray and Wendy Scott cochaired the Legal Research Committee, which consisted of the Legal Research Workshop Subcommittee and the Legal Research Sourcebook Subcommittee. The Legal Research Sourcebook migrated to a database format and was launched at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

¶5 In her first year as *ALL-SIS Newsletter* editor, Leah Sandwell-Weiss led the Newsletter Committee in a team effort to produce three informative newsletters. In her first year as ALL-SIS Web administrator, Diane Murley reorganized and expanded material on the Web site and ensured that the page was accessible to as many users and browsers as possible.

¶6 The Relations with Online Vendors Committee, cochaired by Stephanie Davison and Nancy McMurrer, and Kim Clarke, chair of the Statistics Committee, worked with Project Counter, which facilitates the collection and distribution of usage statistics for electronic resources, to investigate whether legal database vendors could participate in this effort.

¶7 The AALL Chapter VIP (Valued Invited Participant) program was extended to include the special interest sections, and ALL-SIS took advantage of this opportunity by inviting the Honorable Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy of the Virginia Supreme Court to the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Justice Lacy also serves as the chair of the American Bar Association's Council of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

¶8 Seven of thirty-three educational programs submitted to the ALL-SIS Program Committee were presented in San Antonio. The Program Committee, cochaired by Lee Peoples and Ajaye Bloomstone, is to be commended on its work. In addition, ALL-SIS sponsored a separate program on the eighteenth edition of *The Bluebook*, an advanced legal research instructors workshop, and five roundtables covering collection development, continuing status/tenure, faculty services, relations with online vendors, and support for law journals. Other recurring events in San Antonio were the middle managers' breakfast sponsored by BNA Inc., the directors' breakfast, and CONALL, held at the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library of St. Mary's University before the ALL-SIS Reception and Awards Ceremony. At the ALL-SIS Reception and Awards Ceremony, Barbara Bintliff was presented with the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship. Nancy Babb received the ALL-SIS Outstanding Article award for "Cataloging Spirits and the Spirit of Cataloging," published in the *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly*, and Joy Hanson received the inaugural ALL-SIS CONELL grant, which was initiated by the CONALL/Mentoring Committee chaired by Paul Moorman and Marianne Parker.

¶9 The 2004–05 Executive Board consisted of Carole Hinchcliff, Chair; Michael Slinger, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; Susan Lewis-Somers, Secretary/Treasurer; Sally Wise, Past Chair; and Suzanne Thorpe, Board Member. In the section's first online election, Suzanne Thorpe was elected Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Carol Bredemeyer was elected as Board Member for a two-year term.

¶10 Congratulations to all the ALL-SIS volunteers for the collaborative spirit in which they have worked in 2004–05.

Carole Hinchcliff, Chair

Computing Services

¶1 Thanks to its dedicated and enthusiastic members, CS-SIS accomplished a number of important projects this year, with a primary focus on member education