

LISP Business Meeting Minutes
2011 AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
July 24, 2011

Present at the meeting were Luis Acosta, Dan Baker (Vice-Chair), Joan Bellistri, Bret Christensen (Chair), Sara Galligan, Amy Hale-Janeke, Janet Ann Hedin, Brian Huffman, Emily Lawson, Susan Lyons, David McFadden, Malinda Muller, Liz Reppe, Carl Romalis, Lauren Schroeder, Vanessa Uribe, and Lee Warthen.

I. Call to Order

II. 2010 Minutes: The minutes of the 2010 LISP Business Meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Sarah was unable to attend the meeting, but Bret reported that, prior to the meeting, she had reported that LISP finances were basically the same as this time last year: the SIS has approximately \$11,000, but after the Conference expenses are deducted, we will probably have around \$9,000. Bret also thanked BNA, LexisNexis, William S. Hein & Co., Inc., and Wolters Kluwer Law & Business for sponsoring the meeting.

IV. Election Results/Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Ron Wheeler (chair), Luis Acosta, and Sara Galligan, was thanked for its services. The committee's slate of candidates consisted of Janine Liebert for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Laureen Afford Kelly for Secretary/Treasurer. Janine and Laureen were elected to serve in these offices.

V. Grants Committee Report: Janet Ann Hedin reported that there were 7-8 applicants for the 2011 Kathy Garner Grants. The two winners of the 2011 Grants, Susan Lyons of the Rutgers Law Library in Newark, NJ and Vanessa L. Uribe of the El Dorado County Law Library in Placerville, CA were both in attendance at the meeting. The Committee, which consisted of Janet (chair), Joel Fishman, Brian Huffman, Stefanie Pearlman, Nancy L. Strohmeyer, and Jane Underwood, were thanked for their hard work.

VI. AALLNet Member Communities: Brief discussion of the impending (Aug. 1, 2011) shift from using listservs to communicate with the membership to "member communities" through the AALLnet web page.

VII. LISP Programming for 2012: We discussed possible programs for 2012. It was suggested that we have a "train the trainer"-type session on Legal Training for Public Librarians or "Legal Competencies for Public Librarians"; Sara also talked about efforts to train public librarians on dealing with pro ses; it was suggested that the recent *Turner v. Rogers* decision could be used to energize public law librarians; "civil *Gideon*"; Amy lamented the dearth of pro se programs at the federal level; someone mentioned that MN has great resources, both online for pro ses, and possible speakers for a potential pro se program. Susan suggested a program on access to legal information, especially in various languages, for people in immigration removal proceedings.

VIII. Public Library Toolkit: David and Lee led a discussion of the Toolkit. Approximately two-thirds of the states are covered, but we are still looking for people to write for new states or update older ones.

IX. 2011 LISP Programming: Bret reminded everyone of two AALL LISP-sponsored events: the LISP/SR/SCCLL Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners and Program K-5: Innovations in Services to Self-Represented Litigants. Amy explained that the Joint Roundtable will be divided into two halves: The first half will be a "best practices" for assisting pro ses roundtable, and the second half will feature a talk from Fernando Bermudez, a man who spent 18 years in prison before being exonerated of murder charges, and Marissa Boyers Bluestine, Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. The K-5 program will feature Glenn Rawdon from the Legal Services Corporation and Richard Zorza of the Self-Represented

Litigation Network discussing new technologies and services designed for the self-represented litigants.

- X. LISP Committees: We are looking for volunteers to serve on several committees. Sarah Mauldin (in a communication prior to the meeting) volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee; we need at least two more volunteers. After a brief discussion of the purpose of the AALL VIP program, Lee and Luis volunteered to serve on the VIP Committee, a committee created to help identify possible candidates for the program; additional volunteers are requested. Janet agreed to continue to chair the Grants Committee; members interested in serving on this committee should contact her directly.
- XI. LISP Representation at Other Conferences: Discussion was had on the idea of appointing a LISP member as a Liaison to other like-minded entities or sending someone to relevant conferences, such as the Equal Justice Conference or the California Conference on Self-Represented Litigants. It was agreed that the best approach for now would be to offer a grant, similar to the Kathy Garner Grant, so a LISP member could attend another conference and report to the SIS. The board will work with the Grants Committee to establish this grant.
- XII. Passing of Gavel: The meeting was adjourned with a distribution of some small gifts and the "passing of the gavel" from Bret to Dan.