

Public Minutes of LLSDC Board Meeting November 12, 2008 at McKee Nelson LLP

In Attendance: Dawn Bohls, Heather Bourk, Matt Braun, Frances Brillantine, Cameron Gowan, Barbara Fisher, Shannon O'Connell, Tricia Peavler, Roger Skalbeck.

I. Official Reports

President: The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Official Minutes for details.

II. Committee Reports

Membership: New members of LLSDC were approved. As of November, the Society has 495 active members and 61 pending members. The grace period for membership renewal has expired, leaving 139 members inactive. The New Member Breakfast was a well-attended success.

Arrangements: The Holiday Party will be held on December 3rd at Pepper Hamilton and is being sponsored by West. The Committee is looking for a sponsor for the Closing Ceremony in May.

Mentoring: Adeen Postar is working on getting the Committee up and running.

Education: The Committee is sponsoring a program with the Academic SIS program called "Change We Can Believe In...For Libraries" on December 4th at Georgetown University's Edward Bennett Williams Law Library. Speakers Mary Alice Baish & Emily Feldman from the AALL Washington Affairs Office will discuss expectations for the new President and the 111th Congress.

ILL: The SIS held a meeting on putting together an "ILL 101" resource. The next meeting of the SIS will be on November 19th at OCLC Eastern. Jennifer Dollar will continue to encourage SIS members to register for meetings through the LLSDC website.

Law Library Lights: *Lights* Editor Matt Braun spoke to the Board regarding the editorial policy of *Lights*. The author of an article in the Fall issue wanted her article to appear in its unedited form. The Board and the Editor agreed that submissions to *Lights* are subject to editing and that the Editor retains discretion over how articles will appear in the publication. The Editor will contact the author and offer to run the article with two minor changes or to withdraw it from the publication.

Legislative: The SIS's October meeting was well attended. Carrie Ansell is working on reformatting the data for the Legislative Union List. The SIS is planning to hold its annual "Welcome back, Congress" meeting in January.

Focus Groups: The Law Library Managers' focus group will hold its next meeting on November 20th at Jenner & Block. The topic "How to Get the Most From Online Contracts and Other Money-Saving Strategies."

Publications: Keith Gabel will attend the next Board meeting to present the new contract with Sima for the GLP Union List.

Academic: The SIS plans to host a happy hour. The Board will encourage the SIS to continue to plan more events.

Scholarships & Grants: The next deadline for applications is December 1st.

PLL: The SIS sponsored a bowling outing on October 9th. The SIS's officers met on October 29th to discuss possible events. The SIS will host a copyright discussion on November 13th. The SIS may co-sponsor an event in the spring with the Association of Legal Administrators.

Federal: The AALL Portland Recap for Federal Librarians on October 30th had ten attendees. The SIS is planning future brown bag lunches. The SIS announced that a long-standing federal law librarian is currently seriously ill and a request was made for federal librarians to donate leave. It is a complicated process and anyone interested can contact MaryAnn Keeling for additional information

Nominations: Several nominations have been made:

VP/President Elect: Scott Bailey. One other candidate is needed.

Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer: Jason Hawkins (GWU). At least one more candidate is needed, preferably somebody either from a government agency or law firm.

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Ciambella (GMU). One more candidate is needed, preferably somebody either from a government agency or law firm.

Board Member: Jennifer McMahan (DOJ) and Kasia Solon. There may be a third person interested in this position as well. Additional candidates will be solicited via phone and the list serve.

III. Open Items

GLP Union List: Keith Gabel will present the new contract proposal at the December Board meeting.

Associate members joining SISs: The President will email the membership to solicit feedback as to whether associate members should be allowed to join an SIS.

V. New Business

Vendor sponsorships and Lights advertising: The old sponsorship levels will no longer be offered. The Society will accept sponsorship of specific events. The Board will revisit advertising for *Lights* at the December meeting.

Possible education program, Emerald Group Publishing: Proposal to have Dr. James Walther of Emerald Group Publishing present a program called “An Insider’s Guide to Getting Published in Research Journals.” The Board will forward the information to Trina Robinson at the Academic SIS.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 9th at Troutman Sanders.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon O’Connell

Please note: These are not the official minutes. Any Society member can obtain a copy of the official minutes by contacting the Recording Secretary.