

MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan Lyons, Chair, and the Officers the AALL Government Documents Special Interest Section (GD-SIS)
FROM: Mark Bartlett, Committee Coordinator, AALL GD-SIS Fugitive & Electronic-Only Documents Committee
RE: 2003 Committee Annual Report
DATE: July 7, 2003

On behalf of the AALL GD-SIS Fugitive & Electronic-Only Documents Committee, I am pleased to present the Committee's 2003 Annual Report.

The committee's 14 members during 2002-03 were Christopher Anglim, Mark Bartlett, A. Hays Butler, Georgia Chadwick, Cecily A. H. Giardina, Peggy Roebuck Jarrett*, Gwendolyn Lohmann, Susan Lyons, Scott Matheson, Michelle Pearse*, Rob Richards, Caitlin Robinson, Randall Tenor, and Alice I. Youmans (*new members this year). Georgia Chadwick and Rob Richards resigned during the year.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- 1) Identify and report to GPO fugitive and electronic-only U.S. federal documents on law and policy. A "fugitive document" is defined as a U.S. federal publication that, according to U.S. Code Title 44, should be distributed to libraries through the Federal Depository Library Program, but that hasn't been cataloged or distributed by GPO. An "electronic-only" document is defined as an electronic U.S. federal publication that GPO has cataloged and assigned a Persistent URL, but that GPO will not distribute to depository libraries in tangible format.
- 2) List fugitive, electronic-only, and tangibly-distributed U.S. federal documents on law and policy on the GD-SIS Website;
- 3) Facilitate hard copy publication of some of these documents.

Achievements and activities this year:

The committee had a very productive year and accomplished the following:

1. Since May 2001, committee members have reported 150 fugitive federal publications on law and policy, which are listed at <http://fugitive.lawlib.asu.edu/>. Of the titles represented, 8 have been distributed to depositories in tangible format; 103 have been cataloged as "electronic only"; and 39 remain fugitive. Committee members currently monitor the websites of 77 federal agencies and departments.
2. Cecily Giardina and Caitlin Robinson have several times notified the law library and documents communities about the committee's lists of reported titles, through messages to

the following mailing lists: LAW-LIB, GOVDOC-L, ALL-SIS, GD-SIS, RIPS-SIS, TS-SIS, DOCTECH-L, and SLA-LAW.

3. Susanna Marlowe and Cecily Giardina have coordinated the committee's fugitive reporting activities with those of GPO's Electronic Documents Working Group - EDWG (see http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/tools/ewgroup/), to avoid duplication of effort. The committee coordinator informally met with John Stevenson of EDWG at the Spring Depository Council Meeting in Reno, Nevada. They discussed each other's methods for identifying fugitive titles and ideas for improving communication between the AALL committee's members and the EDWG members. A listserv for fugitive "hunters" is being considered.
4. The committee helped to draft AALL GD-SIS's July 2002 resolution urging resumption of print depository distribution of U.S. Supreme Court Slip Opinions, and the placing of Slip Opinions and Preliminary Prints on GPO's Essential Titles list. Mary Alice Baish (AALL Washington Affairs Office) revised this resolution, and her version was approved in April 2003 by AALL Executive Board. The committee thanks GD-SIS, Mary Alice, and the AALL Executive Board members.
5. The committee has reported to GPO --- and GPO has corrected --- more than one dozen broken PURLs for federal documents. David Bratman of Stanford University's Robert Crown Law Library has notified the committee of many broken GPO PURLs. Through listserv messages law librarians have been asked to report broken GPO PURLs to the committee.
6. The committee's website moved from the University of Colorado to Arizona State University. The current address is: <http://fugitive.lawlib.asu.edu/> . The site features lists of titles the committee has reported to GPO, a roster of current Committee members, links to GPO's Electronic Documents Working Group, references in professional literature to the committee's activities, and honors the committee has received.
7. The committee revised its' procedures for identifying and reporting fugitive federal documents (see <http://fugitive.lawlib.asu.edu/procedure.htm>).
8. A proposal for a panel program at AALL 2003 Seattle was submitted by Mark Bartlett in August 2002. The program, "On the Loose, on the Run: Fugitive Federal Government Documents", was approved by the Annual Meeting Program Committee and it will be held July 15, 2003. Scheduled speakers are Mary Alice Baish (AALL Washington Affairs Office), Gil Baldwin (GPO), Mark Bartlett (representing this committee), and Cecily Giardina (moderator).
9. The committee provided information about federal fugitive and electronic-only publications to the AALL Washington Affairs Office. The Office used this information in creating

Congressional testimony, and in educating members of Congress's Joint Committee on Printing, about the issues of fugitive information and electronic dissemination.

10. The William S. Hein Co, Inc. has continued publishing print copies of selected titles identified by the committee as electronic-only. This series is entitled "Hein's electronic documents reprint series".
11. A partial group of the committee's members met at the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. They discussed the committee's work and plans for the next year. The committee members will meet again at AALL 2003 in Seattle.
12. The committee's work has been documented again this past year in various publications, including:

Gil Baldwin, *Future of the FDLP: Appointments, Policies, and Other News, Remarks at the AALL Annual Meeting, July 24, 2002*, Administrative Notes, Aug. 15, 2002, at 5, 12. Also available on Internet (last visited June 8, 2003)

< http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/adnotes/adnotes.html >

Sue Lyons, *New Chair of Fugitive and Electronic-Only Committee*, AALL Spectrum, April 2003, at 28. Also available on Internet (last visited June 8, 2003)

< http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_sp0304.pdf >

Thanks and gratitude:

The coordinator thanks all of the committee members for their outstanding work during the past year, and extends a special thanks to departing members Georgia Chadwick and Rob Richards. The whole committee and the law library community expresses much gratitude to Rob Richards, committee coordinator from the inception of the group through December 2002.

The committee wishes to thank John Stevenson and our colleagues in GPO's Electronic Documents Working Group; Superintendent of Documents Judy Russell; GPO's Director of Library Programs Service Gil Baldwin; GPO's Chief of Cataloging Branch Theodore Downing; all the GPO cataloging staff; GPO's Supervisory Program Analyst Laurie Beyer Hall and her staff members Cynthia Etkin and Joe Paskoski; GPO's Chief of Depository Services Staff Robin Haun-Mohamed; AALL's President Carol Avery Nicholson; AALL's Past President Barbara Bintliff; AALL's Washington Affairs Representatives Robert Oakley and Mary Alice Baish; Charlene C. Cain, Chair of AALL Government Relations Committee and Member, Depository Library Council; Barbara S. Selby, Member, Depository Library Council; David Bratman of Stanford University's Robert Crown Law Library; Tim Byrne of the ALA GODORT Cataloging Committee; Brian Jablonski, Daniel Rosati, and Richard Spinelli of W.S. Hein & Co., Inc.; University of Colorado Law Library; Arizona State University, Ross-Blakley Law Library; and our many colleagues in the law library and documents communities.

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