

**SIS / Suncoast Information Specialists
Program and Meeting
June 24, 2008
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The June meeting and program of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists meeting was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at Stetson University College of Law in Tampa. A total of 19 members and guests were in attendance. The evening began with informal networking and registration at 5:30 and a catered box lunch (\$10) from Moxie's at about 6:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

President Janine Awai opened the business meeting at 6:10 pm. She explained that she had missed the last two meetings due to the birth of her son, Miles, who is now four months old. Janine then thanked the host for the meeting, the Stetson Law Library, and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to the group.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Following the introductions, Secretary Marcy Carrel read the minutes from the last meeting held April 17, 2008. Betsy King, acting as temporary treasurer due to the resignation of Treasurer Sarah Miselis, provided the treasurer's report. She stated that SIS is "very solvent", with a current balance of about \$982.57.

Announcements

Janine announced that she is working with the Tampa Theatre to arrange a showing of "The Hollywood Librarian" sometime in August. Ann Seidl, the film's writer and director, will allow showings through August 31st. The film would be open to the general public and SIS would hold a brief business meeting before hand onsite at the theater.

Janine announced that the SIS survey is underway and she encouraged all to respond before the approaching deadline, June 30th. The survey is available through the SIS website and newsletter.

Betsy King and Keri Logan spoke about their recent attendance at the SLA/Special Libraries Association annual meeting in Seattle. The social web was a recurring conference theme and the vendor parties and networking opportunities were applauded. Wanita Scroggs mentioned that the AALL/American Association of Law Libraries meeting is in July. Sandy Hawes recently attended the Off Campus Library Services Conference, held every other year.

New Business

Sandy Hawes announced that the new issue of the newsletter was recently posted to the SIS website. She also proposed using embedded URLs in the text of the newsletter and providing a link to the meeting minutes on the website, rather than reproducing them in the newsletter. Several formatting options were presented. Members in attendance agreed that Sandy should experiment with formatting and other options as she deems appropriate. Sandy was commended for her time and work on the SIS newsletter.

Betsy announced that everyone should have received an electronic version of the new SIS membership directory via email. There are now 108 members, up from 84 as of the last SIS meeting. Betsy received a round of applause for her work.

Program

The program began at 6:55 pm. Jessica Zairo, Law Librarian from Everlove and Associates, spoke about "Legal Researching and the Pro Se Patron" and Wanita Scroggs, International Law Librarian from Stetson

University Law Library, presented "Legal Researching in an Academic Law Library". Both presenters provided handouts with the websites of free legal resources that they demonstrated. Betsy will post the handouts on the SIS website. A lively informal discussion followed the presentations, as Jessica and Wanita answered questions and discussed their work, varied career paths, and their experiences as law librarians.

The program and meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

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Secretary Marcy Carrel