

AALS Section on Academic Support

Newsletter from the Chair
Winter 2010



Left: Incoming Chair, Robin Boyle, St. John's University School of Law; Right: Outgoing Chair, Pavel Wonsowicz, UCLA School of Law

From the Chair:

The 2010 AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans was very exciting. The Section produced a half-day workshop of interactive presentations: "Transforming Learning in the Classroom: the 21st Century Law Professor." During the course of three (seamless) hours, over 160 participants attended. Many thanks to the Chair of the Program Committee, Emily Randon, and its members. At the workshop, the Section distributed *The Learning Curve*, which contained essays of interest to the ASP community. The Section also distributed

Innovations in Legal Education, which included descriptions of the wonderful proposals the Section received. (Materials are posted on the AALS Section ASP website and also the websites listed below.)

At the Section's Business meeting, members voted in a slate of Officers and Executive Committee for the year of 2010. It was proposed and agreed to create two new committees—a Mid-Year Exploratory Committee and a Poster Committee (see below)—and these new committees were quickly staffed. Attendees also volun-

teered to fill open positions for existing Committees (Bar Passage, Nominating, and Program Committee). It was agreed that committees will make efforts to stagger terms so that chairs can train their successors. (For example, during the past several years, the outgoing chairs of the Program Committee have been mentoring incoming chairs.) Emily Randon has agreed to chair the Program Committee for a second year and to train her successor.

The ASP Breakfast was also well attended. It was announced that LSAC and Ruth Ann McKinney have collaborated and launched a fabulous new website as a resource for the academic support community (see below). On this website, bibliographies on topics of interest and other resources are available.

The Program Committee for the 2011 Annual Meeting is currently underway in planning for next year's workshop in San Francisco. Announcements will be posted on the ASP listserv.

Best,
Robin Boyle

AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 7, 2010, Section on Academic Support:



From Left: Emily Randon (at Podium and Moderator), Barbara McFarland (Presenter), Sophie Sparrow (Presenter), Barbara Glesner Fines (Presenter), Robin Boyle (Moderator), Pavel Wonsowicz (Presenter), Kathy Garcia (Moderator), Susan Keller (Presenter), Hillary Burgess (Presenter), and Tanya Washington (Presenter).

Officers Elected to Serve from January 2010 to January 2011 (all serving one-year terms):

Chair: Robin Boyle
(St. John's University School of Law)

Chairperson-Elect: Michael Hunter Schwartz (Washburn University School of Law)

Secretary: Paula Manning
(Whittier Law School)

Treasurer: Rebecca Flanagan
(University of Connecticut School of Law)

Members of the Executive Committee:
Board A (Term expires 2011):
Jeffrey Minetti
(Stetson University College of Law)

Board B (Term expires 2011):
LaRasz Moody (Villanova University School of Law)

Board C (Term expires 2012):
Herb Ramy (Suffolk University School of Law)

Board D (Term expires 2012):
Emily Randon
(UC Davis School of Law)



Corie Rosen keeping presenters on time!

AALS Section on Academic Support 2010 – Committees

Bar Passage Committee:

The Bar Passage Committee serves to investigate and report to the Academic Support Section on all issues relating to bar passage, particularly accreditation issues, testing methodology, and bar review programs. The Committee tracks relevant ABA rules, which may impact law school accreditation; it provides analysis and interpretation of ABA accreditation standards, and offers suggestions to improve the accreditation process. Additionally, the Committee tracks and reports on proposed and upcoming changes to the bar exam. This year, the Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of the primary commercial bar review courses that are being offered to students. In light of the increased number of commercial courses and programs, this report should help Academic Support and Bar Passage Professionals provide guidance to their students and graduates.

Chair - Robert Coulthard, New England Law I Boston – rcoulthard@nesl.edu
Linda Feldman, Brooklyn Law School – linda.feldman@brooklaw.edu
Scott Johns, University of Denver Sturm College of Law – sjohns@law.du.edu
Barbara McFarland, Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of Law – mcfarlandb1@nku.edu
Kathryn Mercer, Case Western Reserve School of Law – klm7@case.edu
Lisa Young, Seattle University School of Law – youngl@seattleu.edu

Mentoring – Contact Person:

Purpose: To serve as a resource to those new to the Section and to Academic Support.

Larasz Moody, Villanova University Law School – moody@law.villanova.edu

Mid-Year Exploratory Committee

The Mid-Year Meeting Exploratory Committee is interested in determining if it is in our section's interest and feasible for our section to host a mid-year meeting. The committee will research the benefits and detriments of holding a mid-year meeting and the AALS rules and requirements for hosting a meeting. The committee will also suggest procedures for coordinating the mid-year meeting so as not to conflict with the ASP training workshops or conferences that are very generously sponsored by LSAC. The committee will outline their findings at the annual meeting in January 2011.

Chair – Pavel Wonsowicz, UCLA School of Law – Wonsowicz@law.ucla.edu
Hillary Burgess, Hofstra University School of Law – Hillary.Burgess@hofstra.edu
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Paula Manning, Whittier Law School – pmanning@law.whittier.edu
Corie Rosen, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law – Corie.Rosen@asu.edu
Michael Hunter Schwartz, Washburn University School of Law – Michael.schwartz@washburn.edu

Nominating Committee:

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to provide a slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee to be voted on by the Section at the AALS Annual Meeting.

Chair – Linda Feldman, Brooklyn Law School – linda.feldman@brooklaw.edu
Rebecca Flanagan, University of Connecticut School of Law – Rebecca.flanagan@uconn.edu
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Jodi Jewell, Whittier Law School – jjewell@law.whittier.edu

Poster Committee:

The poster committee will review the poster submissions on the topic of Academic Support to determine which submissions will be displayed and presented at the Annual Meeting. Posters are prepared by individuals or a group of individuals and are meant to present a clear message using graphics and a minimal amount of text. The poster committee will work with AALS to notify Section members of the Section's decision to sponsor a poster display and to notify the Section of the opportunity and submission timelines.



Hillary Burgess & Tanya Washington happy with observing audience participation

Chair – Sue Lunbeck, University of California Hastings College of Law – lunbecks@uchastings.edu

Hillary Burgess, Hofstra University School of Law – Hillary.Burgess@hofstra.edu

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Kathryn Mercer, Case Western Reserve School of Law – klm7@case.edu

Program Committee for AALS Annual Meeting in 2011 (San Francisco):

To establish a topic and Call for Proposals for the Annual Meeting workshop, to select presenters from submitted proposals, and to facilitate a working relationship among the presenters to have a coordinated workshop.

Chair – Emily Randon, UC Davis School of Law – elrandon@ucdavis.edu

Hillary Burgess, Hofstra University School of Law – Hillary.Burgess@hofstra.edu

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Barbara McFarland, Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of



Barbara Traub (St. John's) and Louis Sirico (Villanova) engaged in group exercise.

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Honorary Member: Robin Boyle, St. John's University School of Law – boyle@stjohns.edu

Section Publication

The Learning Curve was distributed in hardcopy at the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans. It will be published semi-annually (at least twice per year). It seeks to include essays and articles of interest to members of the Academic Support

Community. *The Learning Curve* editors are:

Hillary Burgess, Hofstra University School of Law – Hillary.Burgess@hofstra.edu and

Corie Rosen, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law – Corie.Rosen@asu.edu.

To access *The Learning Curve*, go to www.lawschoolacademicsupport.org then click on "The Learning Curve."

Internet Resources

ASP wiki address is www.lawschoolacademicsupport.org then click on "Academic Success Wiki."

The Law School Academic Support Blog: www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/academic_support

An additional website of interest is sponsored by LSAC: www.lawschoolasp.org



Right: Anthea des Estages (Charlotte) hard at work.