

# Preserving and Accessing ASIST's SIG and Chapter Histories

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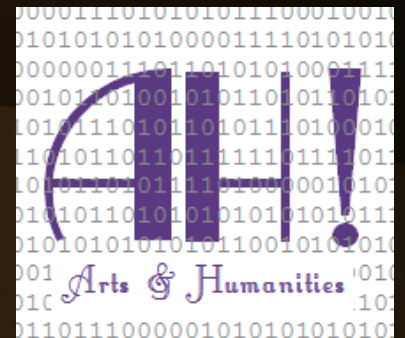
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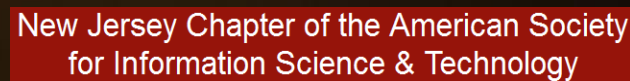
# SIGs!



# SIG ED



# Chapters!



# Student Chapters!



ASIS&T - UT Student Chapter



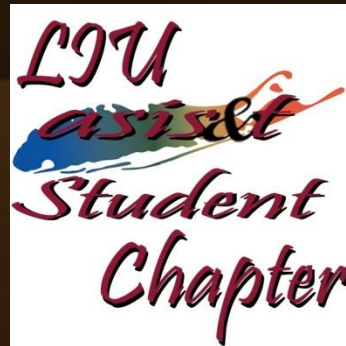
**Simmons ASIS&T**  
*The Association for Information Science and Technology*  
Student Chapter



University of North Carolina Central Chapter



**asis&t@UBC**  
*The Association for Information Science & Technology at the iSchool@UBC*



asis&t - wayne state university's student chapter



**SLA & ASIS&T @ LSU**

# Special Interest Groups

- ▶ First meeting of SIG Cabinet under new ADI bylaws held Wed., October 5, **1966**, in Santa Monica, CA. (ASIS Archives, Box 58)
- ▶ Bylaws for SIGs were approved by the Board of Directors in **1982**  
([http://www.asis.org/SIG/asist\\_sig\\_bylaws.html](http://www.asis.org/SIG/asist_sig_bylaws.html))
- ▶ SIG of the Year award established in **1975**.
  - ▶ Annual Activities Reports
- ▶ 23 SIGs in 1983; 17 in 2009 (Davis & Shaw, 2009)
- ▶ 21 active SIGs in fall 2012 (Buchanan, History Pre-Conference 2012 report)

# Special Interest Groups cont.

## ▶ Selected SIG histories:

- ▶ Seven original Special Interest Groups established at ADI on March 3, **1966** (became ASIS in 1968)

- ▶ SIG CR (active!)
- ▶ SIG ES -> now SIG ED (active!)
- ▶ SIG BC -> virtual SIG BIO (per La Barre, 4/12)
- ▶ and four others, now no longer (see next slide)



- ▶ Most recent *active* SIG est.:

- ▶ 2010, SIG MET (virtual to active)

- ▶ SIG CON: inaugurated 1975 (*Bulletin* 1984, 10.4)
- ▶ SIG USE History Wiki: <http://siguse.wikidot.com>
- ▶ SIG CR publishes *Advances in Classification Research* 1990-
- ▶ *At AM*: SIG ED: Doctoral Forum; SIG III: Int'l Reception.
- ▶ SIG FIS (1972) changed name to HFIS (1995)

## Special Interest Group Charters: Changes and Current Status

	Chartered as	Changes and Current
<b>1959-1968</b>		
1966	Automated Language Processing Biological & Chemical Information Systems Classification Research Education for Information Science Information Analysis Centers Library Automation & Networks Reprographic Technology	still ALP still BC still CR still ED Renamed IAE (1979) still LAN Merged with NPM (1977); became SRT (1982) still BSS still AH
1967	Behavioral & Social Sciences	
1968	Arts & Humanities	
<b>1969-1978</b>		
1969	Selective Dissemination of Information	Expanded to CRS (1975)
1970	Costs, Budgeting & Economics Non-Print Media	Merged with MGT (1980) Merged with RT (1978); became SRT (1982)
1971	Technology, Information & Society User Online Interaction	still TIS still UOI
1972	Foundations of Information Science	still FIS
1974	Information Services to Education Public-Private Interface	Merged with BSS (1987) Dissolved (1984)
1975	Information Publishing	Became IGP (1979); changed to PUB (1982)
	Law & Information Technology Medical Records Management of Information Activities Numeric Data Bases	still LAW Expanded to MED (1979) Expanded to MGT (1982) still NDB
1976	Community Information Services	Dissolved (1983)
<b>1979-1988</b>		
1979	Automated Office of the Future Energy & Environment Information	Expanded to OIS (1984) Dissolved (1987)
1981	International Information Issues	still III
1984	Rural Information Services	Merged with BSS (1987)
1987	Personal Computers	still PC

### SIGs and Their Acronyms 1988

AH	Arts and Humanities	FIS	Foundations of Information Science	MGT	Management
ALP	Automated Language Processing	IAE	Information Analysis and Evaluation	MED	Medical Information Systems
BSS	Behavioral and Social Sciences	PUB	Information Generation and Publishing	NDB	Numeric Data Bases
BC	Biological and Chemical Information Systems	III	International Information Issues	OIS	Office Information Systems
CR	Classification Research	LAW	Law and Information Technology	PC	Personal Computers
CRS	Computerized Retrieval Services	LAN	Library Automation and Networks	SRT	Storage and Retrieval Technology
ED	Education for Information Science			TIS	Technology, Information and Society
				UOI	User Online Interaction

Flood, 1988.

# Regional Chapters

- ▶ The first Chapter Assembly Director, Gerard Platau, was elected in **1968** (Slater, 1988).
- ▶ The first bylaws for Chapters were approved in **1976** (<http://www.asis.org/AboutASIS/chofficermanual.pdf>)
- ▶ Chapter of the Year award established in **1975**.
  - ▶ *thus*, Annual Activities Reports  
(Chapter Assembly 2013: opt-out of public posting)
- ▶ **26 Chapters in 1983** (Dierking, 1975); **18 in 2009** (Davis & Shaw, 2009)
- ▶ **14 active Chapters in early 2011** (Buchanan, 2011a)



# Regional Chapters cont.

## ▶ Selected Chapter histories:

### ▶ First Chapter:

1958, Potomac Valley



### ▶ Most recent active Chapter est.:

2008, Carolinas

1981, Taipei



Taipei Chapter

American Society for Information Science and Technology

美國資訊科學與技術學會 臺北分會

- ▶ LACASIST marked its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a program in June 2011 and an oral history of founder Robert M. Hayes.
- ▶ New Jersey Chapter marked its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a “Historical Note” and ASIST paper (Pozzi and Dalbello, 2006).
- ▶ European Chapter chartered in 1993 absorbed the prior Northern Europe Chapter, est. 1974.

### Central Ohio Chapter

The Central Ohio Chapter (CO-ASIS) grew out of a series of informal luncheon meetings held during the early 1960s. To provide a permanent mechanism for information exchange among information companies in the area, Battelle spearheaded the 1963 establishment of CO-ASIS. Past presidents, board members, Award of Merit and Watson Davis Award winners are all represented in the membership. The chapter has hosted two ASIS Annual Meetings.

Elizabeth Sawyers

### Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter reflects the openness, diversity and sophistication of Chicago, which is home to as many information professionals per square mile as anywhere else in the nation. Chapter members range from faculty and students at two of the best library schools to employees of businesses at the forefront of technological innovation. The wide spectrum provides ongoing opportunities for professional interaction and development.

Lloyd Davidson

### Colorado Centennial Chapter

Membership in the Colorado Centennial Chapter exceeded 100 during the chapter's first year - 1979 - and just two years later, the chapter hosted the ASIS Mid-Year Meeting in Durango. Also in 1981, a student chapter was chartered at the University of Denver. The chapter enjoys a high measure of local importance, as evidenced by the appearance of the governor of Colorado as featured speaker at a chapter meeting.

Janice Marie

### Delaware Valley Chapter

The Delaware Valley Chapter (DVC) covers eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware, but centers in Philadelphia, often called the "Information Capitol of the World." Since its formation in 1960, the chapter has enjoyed continuous activity, with an average of eight meetings each year, balancing information issues, research, practice and products. Host to four Annual Meetings, the chapter founded the Award of Merit.

Barbara Flood

## ASIS Chapter Charters

### 1949-1958

1958 Potomac Valley

### 1959-1968

1960 Delaware Valley

Metropolitan New York

1961 Central Ohio

Chicago

Indiana

Los Angeles

New England

Pittsburgh

San Diego (dissolved 1966)

San Francisco

1962 Southern Ohio

Upstate New York (chartered  
as Syracuse)

1963 Northern Ohio

South Texas (dissolved 1968)

1968 Chesapeake Bay (dissolved  
1978)

1968 Minnesota

### 1969-1978

1969 Michigan

Western Canada

1971 Pacific Northwest

1972 Frontier (dissolved 1977)

1973 Carolinas (dissolved 1981)

1974 Missouri (dissolved 1978)

Northern European

Texas

Wisconsin

1975 East Tennessee

Florida (dissolved 1977)

New Jersey (name changed  
from Central N.J. in May  
1983)

1976 Southern

### 1979-1988

1979 Colorado Centennial

1980 Georgia

1982 Taipei

1984 Oklahoma

### East Tennessee Chapter

For more than a decade, the East Tennessee Chapter has been a place for information professionals to extend their knowledge and capabilities through interaction. With a large concentration of information-related organizations, the chapter has an active local program, including monthly meetings, an annual computer science fair, student workshops and a new series of technology workshops.

Helen Pfuderer

### Georgia Chapter

In 1980, the Georgia Chapter was formed for the large number of ASIS members throughout the state. Through close relationships with the local SLA chapter, Georgia has had a series of successful meetings in Atlanta and in other Georgia cities. As the chapter reaches out to identify new members, it looks forward to hosting the 1988 ASIS Annual Meeting.

Robert Aaron

### Indiana Chapter

The Indiana Chapter (I-ASIS) has members throughout Indiana, Kentucky and downstate Illinois. Intensive, full-day meetings are often held to allow participants to make the most of their travel investments. I-ASIS cooperates with other organizations of information professionals and partially supports student memberships in ASIS.

Debora Shaw

### Los Angeles Chapter

The Los Angeles Chapter (LACASIS), with 250 members in Southern California, has just celebrated its 25-year anniversary. LACASIS is one of the Society's strongest and most productive chapters, having hosted three ASIS Annual Meetings and being home to numerous national officers and award winners. In recognition of its activities, LACASIS has twice won the ASIS Chapter-of-the-Year Award.

Sandi Killian

### Metropolitan New York Chapter

The Metropolitan New York Chapter was founded in 1960, one of the first three ASIS chapters. As might be expected in a chapter which

Slater, 1988.

# Student Chapters

- ▶ Student Chapter of the Year award established in **1986**.
  - ▶ *thus*, Annual Activities Reports
- ▶ 28 Student Chapters in 1983 (Dierking, 1975); 39 in 2009 (Davis & Shaw, 2009)
- ▶ 38 active in spring 2011 (Buchanan, 2011b)



[ASIST.org/Chapters](http://ASIST.org/Chapters)

# Student Chapters cont.

## ▶ Selected Student Chapter histories:

### ▶ First Student Chapters:

1964, Columbia University

1964, Drexel University (active!)

1964, Rutgers University (active!)



### ▶ Most recent active Student Chapter est.:

2011, San José State University



- ▶ ASIS&T @ Texas helped host “She++” screening and panel.
- ▶ ASIS&T @ UCLA co-sponsored World IA Day, L.A.
- ▶ ASIS&T @ Drexel hosted a GIS Workshop, Oct. 2012.
- ▶ ASIS&T @ Pratt toured headquarters of Tumblr.

Student Chapters are encouraged as a means of furthering interest in the information science professions. These student chapters consist of groups of student members at various colleges and universities, with a regular member serving as adviser. Student Chapters (with year of chartering) are currently (as of 1983) established at:

Alberta, University of (1977)	Minnesota, University of (1979)
Capital Area (Washington, D.C.) (1967)	Nashville University Center (1970)
Case Western Reserve University (1966)	Northern Texas (1982)
Central New York (Syracuse) (1976)	Pittsburgh, University of (1966)
Columbia University (1964)	Pratt Institute of Technology (1970)
Denver, University of (1980)	Rutgers, University of (1964)
Drexel University (1964)	Saint John's University (Jamaica, N.Y.) (1972)
East Texas State University (1977)	San Jose State University (1982)
Hawaii, University of (1981)	Simmons College (1975)
Illinois, University of, at Urbana-Champaign (1978)	Southern California, University of (1982)
Indiana University (1975)	State University of New York at Albany (1974)
Kent State University (1975)	Tennessee, University of (1982)
Long Island University (1977)	Texas, University of, at Austin (1977)
Los Angeles Area (1976)	
Michigan, University of (1972)	

Redmond, 1985.

# ASIST's Records Management

- ▶ SIG and Chapter records at HQ: voluntary submission of Annual Activities Reports
  - ▶ Paper *AND* Digital. +Bylaws.
- ▶ Web archives: ASIS.org & group microsites
- ▶ Listserve archives (38!)
- ▶ ASIST Archives, University of Michigan
- ▶ Board Policy Manual (est. pre-1989 and kept active)
  - ▶ Board minutes

List	Description
<a href="#">Asis-l</a>	General ASISmail list & announcement
<a href="#">Asist-announce</a>	ASIS&T Announcement List - receive
<a href="#">ASIST-PNW</a>	ASIST Pacific Northwest Chapter
<a href="#">Carolinas_asist</a>	List for Carolinas Chapter
<a href="#">Chapter_mi-l</a>	Michigan Chapter, ASIST
<a href="#">Eurchap</a>	ASIST European Chapter List
<a href="#">Eustuchap-l</a>	ASIS&T European Student Chapter
<a href="#">Global-ia</a>	<i>[no description available]</i>
<a href="#">Ia-academic</a>	IA List for Academics (admin/research)
<a href="#">MNASIS-L</a>	Minnesota Chapter, ASIST
<a href="#">Neasis-l</a>	New England Chapter, ASIST
<a href="#">Pasig-discuss</a>	<i>[no description available]</i>
<a href="#">PVC</a>	ASIST Potomac Valley Chapter
<a href="#">Rdap</a>	Research Data, Access and Preservation
<a href="#">Sig-bwp</a>	Proto-SIG on Blogs, Wikis and Podcasts
<a href="#">Sigah-l</a>	SIG Arts & Humanities List
<a href="#">Sigbioinform-l</a>	SIG Bioinformatics List
<a href="#">sigCR-l</a>	SIG Classification Research List
<a href="#">Sigcrit-l</a>	SIG-CRIT: Critical Information Theory
<a href="#">Sigdl-l</a>	SIG Digital Libraries List
<a href="#">Siged-l</a>	SIG Education for Information Science
<a href="#">Sighci-l</a>	SIG Human Computer Interaction
<a href="#">Sighfis-l</a>	SIG History and Foundations of Inform
<a href="#">Sigia-l</a>	SIG Information Architecture
<a href="#">Sigifp-l</a>	SIG Information Policy
<a href="#">Sigiii-l</a>	SIG Int'l Information Issues
<a href="#">Sigkm-l</a>	SIG Knowledge Management
<a href="#">SigLAN-L</a>	ASIS&T SIG Library Technologies
<a href="#">Sigmed-l</a>	SIG HLTH

# Board Policy Manual

## ~Records Retention Schedule

- ▶ 15 Sections comprising the most current versions of ASIST policies and procedures
- ▶ Name; Purpose; Amendments; Rules of Procedure and Organization; Membership; Dues; Board of Directors; Staff and Headquarters; Finances; Committees; XI: Chapters; XII: Student Chapters; XIII: Special Interest Groups; Meetings; Services.

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XII.1.3	Student Chapter Advisors.....
XII.1.1.1	Chartering Student Chapters.....
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XII.2.1	Remittances to Student Chapters.....
XII.2.2	Annual Financial Report.....
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XII.3.1	Annual Activities Report.....
SECTION: XII.4	Dissolution of Student Chapters.....
XII.4.1	Dissolving Student Chapters.....

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