Preserving and Accessing ASIST’s SIG and Chapter Histories

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Chapters!

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NORTHERN OHIO CHAPTER

NEASIS&T
New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology

Metro New York

PVC

Indiana Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology
Welcome to the Indiana Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology.

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Central Ohio Chapter, American Society for Information Science & Technology

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New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology

ASIST 2013
Student Chapters!

- ASIS&T - UT Student Chapter
- Simmons ASIS&T
- du asis&t
- UCLA asis&t
- asis&t - wayne state university's student chapter
- asis&t@Pratt
- SLA & ASIS&T @ LSU
- North Texas Student Chapter
- Drexel Student Chapter
- University of North Carolina Central Chapter
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)

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)
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-


SIG FIS (1972) changed name to HFIS (1995)
## Special Interest Group Charters: Changes and Current Status

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### SIGs and Their Acronyms 1988

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<td>Information Analysis and Evaluation</td>
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<td>PUB</td>
<td>Information Generation and Publishing, International Information Issues</td>
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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](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

LACASIST marked its 50th anniversary with a program in June 2011 and an oral history of founder Robert M. Hayes.

New Jersey Chapter marked its 30th 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 Capital 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 Palomar 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)

1969-1978
1969 Michigan
Western Canada
Pacific Northwest
Frontier (dissolved 1977)
Carolina (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 23-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

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

ASIST's Records Management

- SIG and Chapter records at HQ: voluntary submission of Annual Activities Reports
- 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
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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References


