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By Debbie Ginsburg

With so many law librarians now running their own law-related weblogs (or Blawgs), CS-SIS realized that we needed a place for members to come together to talk about our blogging experiences and discuss ideas for the future. So, with help of co-chairs Bonnie Shucha and Debbie Ginsberg, we formed a special Blawg committee.

Right away, the new committee established an online presence. Using a new system called "Bloki" (<http://www.bloki.com>), we created a web-based community for the new committee, one that featured a blawg, a wiki, and forums. Once we had the site ready, we sent out a call for committee members, hoping others would be interested in joining us.

So far, the response has been incredible! Over 20 people, both CS-SIS members and non-members, have asked to join our CS-SIS Blawg community. Many already have their own personal and/or professional blogs, while others are just starting out and have come to the committee to ask for advice.

We're excited that some big-time bloggers have taken notice of our nascent efforts. Library Stuff thought our new blog was "neat" (<http://www.librarystuff.net/2004/12/cs-sis-blawgs-committee.html>). We were also noticed by Robert Ambrogi's LawSites (<http://www.legaline.com/2004/12/for-law-librarians-who-like-to-blog.html>). Most recently, we were Inter Alia's Blawg of the day! (http://www.inter-alia.net/comments.php?id=P2293_0_1_0) With all this attention, we'll have to come up with some really good content.

Although we're just getting started, we'd love for you to come and check out our efforts. The site is at <http://cssisblawgs.bloki.com>. Be sure to read both the blog and our forums.

Naturally, we also are offering RSS feeds:

- blog - <http://cssisblawgs.bloki.com/blog/index.jsp?fmt=rss>
- forums - <http://cssisblawgs.bloki.com/feeds/?fmt=rdfl.0&t=forum>

If you have any questions or if you'd like to join the committee, contact Co-Chairs Bonnie Shucha (bjshucha@wisc.edu) or Debbie Ginsberg (dginsberg@kentlaw.edu) by email. We'll send you an invite to join the Bloki right away!

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