DALIC’s major activities involved advocating for no-fee, permanent public access to official and authenticated online legal information. Our work included advocating for the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), developing best practices for the authentication of online legal material, tracking the status of access to online legal resources, and promoting the use of universal citation.

A major UELMA-related effort this year involved the work of a subcommittee chaired by Catherine Dunn in developing a set of “Best Practices for the Authentication of Official Electronic Material.” With the goal of educating, assisting and connecting interested parties, the document covers everything from communicating with stakeholders to technical specifications and is designed to help states benefit from the lessons learned by early adopters. The Government Relations Office (GRO) and other interested persons are currently reviewing the draft before submission to the Executive Board for consideration at its November 2014 meeting.

Another major activity was to update the AALLNET-based resource tracking the status of online digital resources state-by-state (the State Online Legal Information microsite at http://community.aallnet.org/DigitalAccessstoLegalInformationCommittee/StateOnlineLegalInformation). The subcommittee chaired by Connie Lenz worked with state volunteers to verify the accuracy and currency of the information in the microsite.

A subcommittee chaired by Jane Larrington worked with Hein to complete publication of the 3rd edition of the AALL Universal Citation Guide and to promote universal citation at chapter meetings and the AALL annual meeting. http://aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/products/pub-universal.html

DALIC participated, via AALL Board liaison Ken Hirsh, in the formation of the OASIS Legal Citation Markup (LegalCiteM) Committee. The Committee also worked with the GRO and Ken Hirsh to provide commentary to the D.C. Council regarding its UELMA prototype. Chair Anne Burnett and GRO Director Emily Feltren served ex officio on the Digital Libraries Initiatives Special Committee and contributed to that group’s Final Report.

Committee members joined efforts with the SEAALL and ALLA chapters to advocate for the Georgia Governor’s Office to restore access to Executive Orders which had been removed from the Governor’s web site in late 2013. The Governor’s Office restored this access in August 2014.

The Committee submitted a revised committee charge which was approved by the Board.

DALIC members, along with Public Policy Associate Elizabeth Holland, presented an advocacy program at the SEAALL meeting. The Committee proposed programs on UELMA authentication and on global authentication efforts for the AALL 2014 annual meeting. Activities at the AALL annual Meeting in San Antonio included participating in the Advocacy Workshop and the Public Policy Update program along with the GRO and the other AALL policy committees; displaying a poster, created by Jane Larrington and Catherine Dunn, about best practices for authentication of online legal material; manning an exhibit hall table promoting
and explaining the Committee’s activities; holding several drawings to promote the *AALL Universal Citation Guide*; and participating in the CONELL Marketplace.

Committee members for 2013-2014 included: Anne Burnett, Chair; Jane Larrington, Vice-Chair; Ken Hirsh, Board Liaison; Emily Feltren, Staff Liaison; Elizabeth Holland, Staff Liaison; Kevin Baggett; Scott Childs; Catherine Dunn; Thomas Heard; Sarah Gotschall; Konya Lafferty; Connie Lenz; Deborah Norwood; Jane O’Connell; Leanna Simon; and Thomas Heard.

Anne Burnett

Chair, 2013-2014