Committee Charge:
The Committee shall use principles of the law library profession to identify web site characteristics and citation rules that represent best practices, and to encourage all branches of government to apply these principles in the creation and maintenance of electronic legal information. These principles include permanent public access, authenticity, citizen usability, uniformity of citation consistent with AALL policy, comprehensiveness and suitability for legal research, and they reflect the special concerns and unique competencies of law librarians.

The Committee will monitor and promote judicial, legislative and executive branch web sites at all levels of government to apply best practices in the creation and maintenance of electronic legal information. The committee will develop and maintain a web-based framework to categorize the various principles being successfully addressed by those sites.

In addition, the Committee shall monitor and promote citation initiatives and activities undertaken by the judiciary, the bar, the ABA, the Bluebook editors and other groups. The Committee will also serve as a resource for jurisdictions and other groups considering citation issues.

The Committee shall be responsible for advising the Association and its membership about issues relating to electronic legal information access and citation, and may be called upon to collaborate with other committees, including the Government Relations Committee.

Major Activities for 2009-2010:

ELIACC's 2009-10 major activities include:


--working on finishing the white paper on citation reform. Contributors include Linda Defendeifer, Kathy Carlson, State Librarian of Wyoming, Carol Billings, a founder of the AALL citation reform initiative, and the Hon. Yvonne Kauger, Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma;

--collaborating with the Government Relations Committee to revise the AALL Government Relations Policy statement that includes the AELIC (now ELIACC) core principles and values.

--assisting (through comments) with the NCCUSL draft uniform law on Electronic Authentication and preservation of state materials

--providing AALL programming on authentication, preservation and public access (includes two programs to be presented at annual meeting)

Proposed Activities for 2010-2011:

-Continue efforts to gain support for vendor neutral citation, and in collaboration with others, develop a plan to implement it;

-continue pushing for authentication and preservation of state legal materials online (current awareness of NCCUSL's draft of uniform law);

---continue documenting authentication and citation reform efforts;

--refine the relationship between authentication and citation reform;

- develop a wiki or some type of updating system for future updates to the 2007 State by State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources