AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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Committee Name: Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Committee

Committee Charge:
Advises on long-range editorial content and direction for the publications
Suggests feature articles or other types of articles
Assists the editors in identifying authors and other contributors
Assists the editors in meeting the short-term and long-term needs and interests of law librarians
Identifies potential readers and studies and recommends ways to effectively reach the targeted audiences
Recommends to the Executive Board editorial policies relating to the contents and formats of the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum
The Committee will select one or more recipients every year for the best article for the Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award, or no recipient if it deems none of the nominees sufficiently qualified, and will submit the winning recipient's name(s) to the Awards Committee. The Committee will also select one or more recipients every year for the AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award, or no recipient if it deems none of the nominees sufficiently qualified, and will submit the winning recipient's name(s) to the Awards Committee.

Major Activities for 2009-2010:
Met at AALL annual meeting and addressed various issues, including lengthy discussion on use of AALL Universal Citation Guide for Law Library Journal which will carry over into 2010-2011
- Index for volumes 76-100 Law Library Journal (approved);
- Following Committee discussion, if it is determined that two LLJ articles are so good that a single winner cannot be determined, two Article of the Year Awards will be given and the $500.00 award money will be split evenly between the two winners (approved).
- Provide corrected language for AALL web page "procedures" links, "About AALL: Spectrum Article of the Year Award," and "procedures," "About AALL: Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award."
LLJ/Spectrum committee determines the final award winners and submits the names to the Awards Committee (in progress);
- Selected Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Articles of the Year (completed.)

Proposed Activities for 2010-2011:
- In addition to meeting in Denver, if Executive Board approves, an additional committee meeting will be held the day before or the day after the annual conference to discuss the future of AALL publications in light of the new Strategic Directions, Marketing plans, trends in electronic media, etc. This meeting would replace the meeting traditionally held in Chicago in the Fall;
- Provide input on use of the AALL Universal Citation Guide for AALL publications;
Select Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Articles of the Year.