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 2010-2011:
Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Committee Activities for 2010-2011. Submitted by Joe Custer, Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Omer Poos Law Library at Saint Louis University School of Law, Chair, 2010-11.

Activity: This year we appointed a new webmaster, Wendy Biddle, an Associate with the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. She took over the duties from out-going member Jason Sowards, Reference Librarian at Wake Forest University Professional Center Library.

Activity: Mark Bernstein, Director and Professor of law at Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law Legal Research Center, was Chair of the Spectrum article of the year subcommittee, along with members Darla Jackson, Head of Reference and Access Services at Oklahoma City University Law Library and Marguerite Most, Reference Librarian at Duke University School of Law, J. Michael Goodson Law Library who chose “Freeing Creativity: Understanding the Creative Commons Licenses” by Steven J. Melamut, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and Information Technology Services Librarian at the University of North Carolina School of Law. The article appeared in the April 2010 issue of Spectrum at page 20.

Activity: Kumar Jayasurya, Associate Law Librarian for Patron Services at Georgetown University Law Library was the Chair of the Law Library Journal article of the year subcommittee, along with Deborah Dennison, Head of Bibliographic Access at Case Western Reserve University Law School Library and Wendy Biddle. As of this report they still had not decided upon the article of the year.

Activity: Made suggestions to the publication editors of possible authors and contributors and types of articles that may draw interest among publications' intended audiences.

Proposed Activities for 2011-2012:
Law library journal and AALL Spectrum Committee Proposed Activities for 2011-2012 Submitted by Merle Slyhoff, Chair, 2011-12

1. ACTION: Review LLJ/AALL Spectrum Committee charge. GOAL: Determine how the Committee can actively fulfill its duties under the current editorships.

2. ACTION: Hold an online discussion for the AALL membership on the topic of LLJ and Spectrum and whether it meets their needs, what they would like to see, etc. – GOAL: Set short and long-term publication guidelines for content to meet needs of membership; determine if the current publications are reaching the targeted audiences

3. ACTION: Examine format of LLJ and Spectrum to determine if they are best utilization of Association
funds and best meet needs of membership. GOAL: Make any necessary recommendations to the Executive Board on LLJ and Spectrum formats

4. ACTION: Initiate monthly conference calls for the Committee; hold a web meeting if necessary. GOAL: Keep the committee members an integral part of the Committee and have ongoing discussions on relevant issues

5. ACTION: Select, if deemed appropriate, winning articles from LLJ and Spectrum. GOAL: Fulfill yearly obligation of Committee