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 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 2012-2013:
Convened for annual meeting discussion with editors, and discussed direction of committee. Discussed article of the year suggestions, and need for indexing of Law Library Journal.

Entire committee is involved in selection of articles of the year for two publications.

All activities advance the AALL education goal through the provision of scholarly and topical material to the law library profession, and the broader public. The committee also promotes leadership as the publications it supports provide opportunities for members and library students to publish.

Committee Chair participated in selection of new editors for both publications.

Proposed Activities for 2013-2014:
The Committee should continue its basic duty is to select the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum articles of the year.

The committee should initiate a discussion, in collaboration with the editors of Law Library Journal and Spectrum to determine if the continued publication, in the current format, constitutes the best utilization of Association funds and best meet the needs of membership. Then, the committee should any necessary recommendations to the Executive Board.

The committee should initiate a discussion, in conjunction with the editor if Law Library Journal, to investigate the indexing of its content since the last index was created. The committee should work with the board liaison to explore options for this work. A recommendation should be made to the AALL board regarding indexing of the Law Library Journal.