AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

Committee Name: Awards Committee

Committee Charge:
PURPOSE: The Awards Committee shall oversee the granting of awards established by the Association as selected by various Association committees.

CHARGE: The Awards Committee shall publicize award opportunities and coordinate the presentation of awards to recipients for the awards established by the Association. AALL committees will select one (1) or more recipients every year for each award, or no recipient if none of the nominees are deemed sufficiently qualified.

Major Activities for 2008-2009:

The AALL Awards Committee selects recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award; the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award; the Law Library Publications Award; and the Chapter Professional Development Award. In this regard, it recognizes, supports, and honors those who exemplify the Association's core purpose and values as outlined in the 2005-2010 Strategic Directions: Leadership, Education, and Advocacy.

Committee members are divided into subcommittees, with four individuals serving as respective subcommittee chairs. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2009. Subcommittee chairs notify those selected to receive the award, and submit that information to the Awards Committee Chair. The Chair then works with Headquarters to make certain the names and institutions are correct for the Awards Brochure, plaques and promotional material. Awards Committee members include: Camille Broussard, vice-chair, Philip C. Berwick, Carmen Brigandi, Richard A. Leiter, Mary D. Mahoney, Carol N. Rogers, Susan P. Siebers, and Dee Wood.

The committee chair and vice-chair participated in a conference call with Gail Warren in September of 2008 about the work of the AALL Special Committee on Member Recognition. Gail, who chairs the Special Committee, advised that she will forward to us a copy of the committee's report and recommendations to the Executive Board.

The Committee chair and vice chair, along with their Executive Board liaison, developed a procedure in working the chairs of other committees that select recipients for the following awards: Call for Papers Award; Excellence in Marketing Award; CRIV New Product Award; the LLJ/Spectrum Article of the Year; and Public Access to Government Information Award. Decentralization of the awards responsibilities left guidelines unclear as to who would announce to award recipients that they had been selected, and who would notify Headquarters as to the recipient's name and institution for listing in the Awards Brochure. The procedures were drafted to establish a more cooperative and efficient awards process.

The Committee Chair will work with Headquarters to produce the Awards Brochure and plaques. The chair and vice chair will develop another guide for the AALL Awards Chair in working with chairs of committees that select award recipients. The guide will cover approximate deadlines for submitting the recipient names and institutions, and working with recipients to publicize their award to their local institutions and media. The Awards Committee will be represented at the CONELL Marketplace and will have a display in the Annual Conference Exhibits Area.

Proposed Activities for 2009-2010:

Proposed activities for 2009/2010 committee: Develop further coordination with chairs of the Call for Papers Award; Excellence in Marketing Award; CRIV New Product Award; LLJ/Spectrum Article of the Year Award; and Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award. Consider the possibility of meeting with said committee chairs at the Annual Conference to coordinate respective responsibilities. That includes updating award criteria and application information on the Awards website; and the establishment of deadlines each year that accommodate both Headquarters' requirement and each committee's work.