Awards Committee 2008-2009

Committee Activities: The AALL Awards Committee reviewed nominations and selected recipients for the Marian Gould Gallaher Distinguished Service Award, the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award, the Chapter Professional Development Award, and the Law Library Publications Award. A display at the CONELL Marketplace represented the committee’s work. Award recipients were notified of the opportunity to be photographed with AALL President James Duggan on Sunday, July 26.

Structuring the Transition to New Awards Procedures:

- This year saw the ongoing evolution of the awards process, wherein recipients of specified awards are no longer selected by the AALL Awards Committee. This involved the following awards/committees: Excellence in Marketing (now selected by the Public Relations Committee); the LLJ/Spectrum Articles of the Year awards (now selected by the LLJ/Spectrum Committee); the New Product Award (CRIV); and Public Access to Government Information/PAGI (Government Relations Committee). Based upon some questions addressed to the Awards Committee chair by chairs of the committees, there appeared to be uncertainty as to procedures and deadlines in the awards process. In order to standardize the process, guidelines were created by the Awards Committee chair, vice-chair, and Executive Board liaison, and were distributed to the other committees.
- The work of gathering the large and growing number of recipient names for the “Awards and Acknowledgments” brochure by the Awards Committee chair and Kim Rundle led the chair, vice-chair, board liaison, and Kim Rundle to meet in D.C. to consider an electronic reporting form for all AALL entities that make awards and grants. Also discussed was advertising to the other awarding entities the deadlines and guidelines for reporting recipient information to Headquarters. The committee vice-chair met with SIS Council members to advise them of the award reporting procedures and deadlines for the respective SIS awards and grants.

Member Recognition Special Committee: Awards Committee chair and vice-chair held a conference call on 9/24/2008 with Gail Warren, chair of the Special Committee, appointed by James Duggan, AALL president. The committee’s mission was to look into ways to recognize members for their contributions and activities in AALL, whose accomplishments do not meet the criteria for the Marian Gould Gallagher Award for Distinguished Service. The purpose of the conference call was to identify possible interaction between the Awards Committee and the Special Committee. The Executive Board will review the recommendations in the committee’s final report, dated June 5, 2009, at its meeting in D.C.

2009 Award Recipients: The Awards Committee chair notified all award recipients by e-mail, with an attached letter on official AALL letterhead. Headquarters sent print copies of the letters to each recipient as well. Headquarters generated award plaques to be handed out at the Annual Meeting and took care of delivering any monetary awards. The following awards were made:

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award: Patrick E. Kehoe, American University Law Library (Retired), and Elizabeth Ann Puckett, University of Georgia School of Law Library.

• **Best New Product Award**: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., *Subject Compilation of State Laws* (HeinOnline).

• **Chapter Professional Development Award-Full-Day Workshop**: Law Librarians of Puget Sound Chapter, “Librarians Mean Business: Lessons from the Boardroom.”

• **Excellence in Marketing Awards**:
  -- **Best Brochure**: University of Minnesota Law Library, *University of Minnesota Law Library: Commitment to Excellence.*
  -- **Best Campaign**: Law Library Association of Wisconsin, *2009 LLAW Marketing Calendar.*
  -- **Best Use of Technology**: Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, *The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Faculty Scholarship Repository.*
  -- **Best PR Toolkit**: Sacramento County Public Law Library, *Public Relations Kit.*

• **Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award**: Sarah Hooke Lee, Northeastern University School of Law Library, “Preserving Our Heritage: Protecting Law Library Core Missions through Updated Library Quality Assessment Standards” (July 2008).

• **Law Library Publications Award—Print Division**: Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas as Austin (Print Division), *Roy M. Mersky: An Oral History Interview.*  
  **Non-Print Division**: Law Library of Congress, *Global Legal Monitor (GLM).*

• **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI)**: Sunlight Foundation, Washington, D.C.

• **Robert L. Oakley Member Advocacy Award**: Rick McKinney, Federal Reserve Board Law Library.

**2008/2009 Committee Members**: Michele Finerty, chair; Camille Broussard, vice-chair, Philip C. Berwick; Carmen Brigandi; Richard A. Leiter; Mary D. Mahoney; Carol N. Rogers; Susan P. Siebers; Dee Wood; and Carol Bredemeyer, Executive Board liaison. The 2008/2009 Awards Committee completed its work at the joint meeting with the 2009/2010 at the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on July 28. Camille Broussard will serve as chair of the 2009/2010 Committee and Mary Lu Linnane will serve as vice-chair.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Finerty, 2008/2009 chair