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.

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; the Hall of Fame Award; the Chapter Professional Development Award; the Innovations in Technology Award; and the Volunteer Service Award. 2011 marks the first year that Hall of Fame members will be selected by the Awards Committee based on nominations submitted by the general AALL membership.

These awards recognize, support and honor those individuals who exemplify the Association's core values as outlined in the 2010-2013 Strategic Directions and the goals of leadership, education and advocacy. Leadership by both long time and newer members is recognized by all the awards especially the Gallagher, Hall of Fame and Volunteer service awards. Education is rewarded through the Andrews, Chapter Professional Development, and Innovations in Technology awards in particular. Advocacy is acknowledged through the Law Library Publications Awards.

The nine Awards Committee members are divided into subcommittees to work on the seven awards for which it has responsibility. Award Committee members include: Joseph Hinger, Judy Meadows, Elizabeth Moore, Al Podboy, Carol Roehrenbeck, Andrew Tschinkel, Vice Chair Margie Maes and Chair Mary Lu Linnane. Six members of the committee served as subcommittee chairs this year, with the Chair of the committee heading two subcommittees. Each member of the Committee serves on multiple award subcommittees. The deadline for nominations for the above awards was February 1, 2011. Subcommittee chairs will notify those selected to receive the award in mid-March and submit that information to the Awards Committee Chair. The AALL Award Recipient Information form, created and used for the first time last year, is to be completed by the chairs of the various Awards subcommittees as well as the chairs of the other issuing bodies. When completed this form contains the necessary information about the awards and the recipients, including individuals at their institutions who should be notified about the awards.

The Chair works with AALL Headquarters to produce the Awards Brochure, plaques and other recognition and promotional material. In this capacity the Chair also works with the other award granting entities to insure that Headquarters receives accurate information on all the major awards. These include the Emerging Leader Award; the Call for Papers Award; the Excellence in Marketing Award; the New Product Award; the LL/J/Spectrum Articles of the Year Awards; the Public Access to Government Information Award; the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award; the Minority Leadership Development Award; and the various Special Interest Section awards.

Chairs of the Andrews, Gallagher and Hall of Fame subcommittees will write articles for publication in the June 2011 issue of the Spectrum. In addition, biographies will be prepared for the new Hall of Fame members, which include the latest recipients of the Gallagher award, using the "Hall of Fame Brief Vitae" template created by Frank Houdek, chair of the Hall of Fame Selection Special Committee. This information will be added to the biographies of the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees and made available when the Hall of Fame section of AALLNET is unveiled.

As in past years, the Awards Committee will be represented at the CONELL Marketplace and will work with HQ staff to host a display in the Annual Meeting Exhibits Area.

 Proposed Activities for 2011-2012:

Review the criteria for each award and make certain that it is accurate and up to date, reflecting any changes that were made over the years.

Look at the nomination form for each award decided by the committee and consider changes so that they are consistent in wording, style, and format. If there is no form currently in use, one should be created in time for it to be used for the 2012 award.
In the cases of other awarding entities, recommended changes should be done in cooperation with the other committees.

Target those awards that received few or no nominations during 2010-2011 to determine if there is a way to encourage a greater response.