Awards Committee

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 2011-2012:

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. 2012 marks the second 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.

All AALL awards, including those selected by other committees and Special Interest Sections, are highlighted and promoted in an article written by the committee chair each year for the November issue of the AALL Spectrum.

The eight Awards Committee members are divided into subcommittees to work on the seven awards for which it has responsibility. Awards Committee members include: Chair Margaret Maes, Vice Chair Elizabeth Moore, Joseph Hinger, Heidi Frostedst Kuehl, Judith Meadows, Leslie Pardo, Al Podboy, and Michael Whiteman. Seven members of the committee served as subcommittee chairs this year, and each member of the committee serves on multiple award subcommittees. The deadline for nominations for the awards listed above was February 1, 2012. Subcommittee chairs will notify selected recipients in mid-March and will submit that information to the Awards Committee Chair. Subcommittee chairs, as well as the chairs of other committees and SISs that issue awards, complete the AALL Award Recipient Information form. 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 staff 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 ensure that Headquarters receives accurate information on all the major awards. These include the Emerging Leader Award; the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Awards; the Excellence in Marketing Award; the New Product Award; the LLJ/AALL Spectrum Articles of the Year Awards; the Public Access to Government Information Award; the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award; the Minority Leadership Development Award; the Distinguished Lectureship 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 2012 issue of the AALL Spectrum. In addition, committee members will prepare biographies for the new Hall of Fame members, which include the latest recipients of the Gallagher Award, using a template previously created for this purpose. These biographies will be added to the Hall of Fame inductees section of AALLNET.

In April and May of 2012, the Awards subcommittees will examine the criteria and nomination forms for their award and will:

- Review the criteria for the award and make certain that they are accurate and up to date, reflecting any changes that were made over the years. Add any further recommended changes for review by the full
committee in June and subsequent submission to the Executive Board for approval at its July 2012 meeting.

- Look at the nomination form for the award and consider any changes that need to be made. If there is no form currently in use, one should be created in time for it to be used for the 2013 award.

As in past years, the Awards Committee will be represented at the CONELL Marketplace at the Annual Meeting in July.

**Proposed Activities for 2012-2013:**

- Implement any approved changes to selection criteria and prepare revised text for inclusion on the AALLNET awards page.

- Review the nomination forms for each award decided by the committee and consider changes so that the forms are consistent in wording, style, and format. In the cases of other awarding entities, recommended changes should be done in cooperation with the other committees.

- Consider additional marketing for those awards that received few nominations during 2011-2012 to determine if there is a way to encourage a greater response.

- Update list of dates and deadlines to reflect any new tasks or assignments.