The 2009-2010 committee members are James M. Donovan, chair; David A. Hollander, vice chair; Connie Lenz; Sally H. Wise, Board liaison; and Hannah Phelps, staff liaison.

The committee made awards in the three categories:

**Open Division**
Carol A. Parker, University of New Mexico School of Law Library
“The Need for More Uniform and Consistently Rigorous Standards for Assessing Law Librarian Performance in Tenure and Continuous Appointment Policies”

**New Member Division**
Daniel Baker, University of Houston Law Center Law Library
“Citations to Wikipedia in Law Reviews”

**Student Division (co-winners)**
Benjamin J. Keele, Indiana University School of Library and Information Science
Deborah E. Shrager, The Catholic University of America School of Library and Information Science
“Moving Past Web 2.0h! An Exploratory Study of Academic Law Libraries”

Awards were presented at the “Librarian as Author” program session on July 12, at 10:45, during which, in addition to hearing a short presentation by each of the winners, Lee Peoples was the featured speaker.

The committee sponsored a Writers’ Workshop at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver.

The format follows that of the previous year, with attendees divided into discussion groups headed by moderators offering a mix of experienced writers and editors from both academic and nonacademic backgrounds. Approximately 30 participants attended the event. Table moderators included:

Carol Bannen (chair, Publishing Initiatives Caucus)
Mark Estes (editor, Spectrum)
Lee Peoples (co-founding editor, Legal Information & Technology Journal, an SSRN eJournal)
Mary Rumsey (former CFP award winner)
Janet Sinder (editor, Law Library Journal)
Donna M. Tuke (founder and publisher of Alert Publications, Inc.)
Mary Whisner (LLJ “Practicing Reference” columnist)

The committee offered two motions to the Executive Board during the year designed to improve the efficacy of committee operations, and broaden the reach of its programs.
1. For the fall Board meeting, the following agenda item was submitted by the committee chair, requesting an addendum to the existing committee charge:

“At the 2009 Annual Meeting CfP organized and hosted a successful Writers’ Workshop in order to mentor new writers and foster interest in its writing competition. While it plans to repeat the event in 2010, the Committee’s current charge does not clearly permit such activities. For this reason it requests new language.”

OUTCOME: The Board approved new wording not to the charge, but to the committee’s statement of purpose, which now reads: “The Committee serves to promote the scholarship of the Association's membership by administering the Call for Papers competition, and providing learning opportunities that promote writing skills.” (new language in italics)

2. For the spring Board meeting, the following agenda item was submitted by the committee chair, requesting that the Board approach Lexis about the possibility of funding a new competition category.

“Experience running the Call for Papers competition has suggested that AALL members outside academic law libraries are not comfortable with the traditional format of winning papers, which tend to mirror law review articles. We believe the creation of a new, “short article” category would be more accessible to writers outside law school libraries, and thus encourage participation by a more representative sample of AALL members.”

OUTCOME: The Board rejected this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Donovan
Chair 2009-2010