Committee Name: Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) Committee

Committee Charge: The CONELL Committee shall be responsible for planning, promotion and presentation of the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) on an annual basis, currently held the Saturday prior to the start of the AALL Annual Meeting. To this end, the committee shall establish a variety of events during CONELL that allow new AALL members to gain a wide breadth of exposure to AALL and its members. Provided the AALL Annual Meeting schedule permits, the committee shall coordinate a networking activity, such as dine around dinners, for the conference attendees the evening prior to CONELL.

Major Activities for 2011-2012:
The committee held its first meeting on February 1 and will meet monthly going forward. Most speakers are secured. We maintain Facebook and LinkedIn groups and hope to do so for this cohort as well. The committee budget is in process and we are moving forward with planning.

This year the Committee is foregoing a city tour in exchange for afternoon programming. In addition to team building activities the Committee plans to have additional speakers present in panel format on career development. Because we are not having a city tour, the committee expanded its capacity from 100 to 120 participants.

CONELL meets the Core Value of community by fostering a cohort of newer members in the association. CONELL also meets Goal 1 Leadership through a day long mentoring and networking session, and by promoting opportunities for members to actively participate in the Association via our Marketplace showcase and through our selection of speakers.

Proposed Activities for 2012-2013:
The next committee will need to evaluate the effectiveness of changes in this year’s agenda. The next committee should also explore ways to expand the CONELL program and enable more newer members to participate in CONELL activities.