The Committee shall, as requested by the Executive Board, the President, the membership, or on its own initiative: study problems concerning the Association's Bylaws; interpret bylaw questions; draft possible amendments to the Bylaws; and, implement solutions to Bylaws-related problems. The Committee shall maintain an official text of the Bylaws incorporating all changes as adopted by the membership and shall verify as correct all published texts of the Bylaws.

In accordance with the Association Bylaws, the Committee shall review all Chapter and SIS constitutions and Bylaws, when adopted or amended, for conflict or inconsistency with the Association documents. The Committee shall advise Chapters and SISs of means of resolving conflicts among the documents. The Committee shall request Executive Board action when necessary to bring Chapter and SIS documents into conformity with those of the Association. The Committee shall advise Chapters and SISs of changes in the Association Bylaws that may require amendment of Chapter and SIS documents to avoid conflict or inconsistency. The Committee shall serve as a resource on proposed amendments and offer advisory opinions on drafting questions to Chapters and SISs.

Following procedures and policies approved by the AALL Executive Board, the Committee shall also be responsible for reviewing resolutions which are submitted by AALL members or entities and for forwarding those resolutions to the AALL Executive Director and AALL Secretary for consideration at the AALL Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

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The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee has reviewed the proposed bylaws amendments of seven AALL chapters and one Special Interest Section through February, 2009. By the end of this term the total number of reviews will likely increase. The usual pattern is for several amendment proposals to be submitted in the two or three months before the AALL Annual Meeting.

The Committee charge was changed this year, along with the name, to incorporate a review process for resolutions. In March the Committee was asked by the AALL Executive Board to review the proposed "Guidelines for Resolution Submission" that will be considered at the April Executive Board meeting. The amount of work the resolutions review process will entail remains to be seen.

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It is difficult to predict the amount of the Committee's ongoing work of reviewing Chapter and SIS bylaws amendments. It should be consistent with the last two terms (There were ten reviews in 2007-2008 and eight so far in 2008-2009.)

The revision of the Model Chapter Bylaws is a major undertaking and is expected to be completed in the 2009-2010 term.