Committee Name: Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

Committee Charge: CHARGE: 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 on 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.

Major Activities for 2012-2013: The Bylaws committee has been very busy this year reviewing sets of proposed bylaws amendments for various chapters and sections. As anticipated, the changes to the Association bylaws passed last year generated a higher than normal number of requests for reviews. The Committee reviewed proposals from four chapters and three Special Interest Sections. The plan to review the SIS Model Bylaws was put on hold due to the increased number of reviews.

Proposed Activities for 2013-2014: The committee will review the SIS Model Bylaws, which were last revised in 2006 especially focusing on the language concerning the process of amending. The reviews from this past year indicate that there is a need for clarification in the language. The committee will also continue to review proposed changes to SIS and Chapter bylaws, and anticipates that there will again be a higher number of proposals to review, resulting from past requests to Chapters and SISs that they review their bylaws.