AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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Committee Charge: To achieve this purpose, the Continuing Professional Education Committee will:
continuously advise, advocate, support and encourage AALL continuing professional education efforts outside of the Annual Meeting
work in collaboration with the AALL Education Manager to further develop and maintain the Continuing Professional Education policy and the Competencies of Law Librarianship
promote and support development of continuing professional education programming by members and association entities
further develop and administer the AALL/BNA Continuing Professional Education Grants Program
educate and inform members about the AALL Continuing Professional Education Program and publicize opportunities
oversee the AALLNET Calendar of Events and Speakers Directory; develop appropriate policies and procedures
use available technologies to bring programming to members
monitor and evaluate continuing professional education trends, education efforts and developments, and new technologies of the library and larger community
study costs and pursue ways to provide quality, affordable programming for members

Major Activities for 2009-2010:
Most of our activities support the Education goal of AALL's Strategic Directions. We are gratified to work with Celeste Smith, AALL Education Director. We accomplished most of the goals determined for us in February 2009.

We revised the Competencies for Law Librarianship and submitted to the Board for approval at their April Meeting, 2010. The process was to conduct a guided discussion with the membership and to solicit changes through the SIS's and Chapters. We'll promote the revised Competencies in an educational program to be put on by the CPE Committee in Denver in 2010.

We collaborated with the Education Director on the content of AALL2Go, and promoted it through blurbs on educational content in each month's AALL e-newsletter as well as in a Spectrum article. We worked with the Education Director to assign Competency designations to all the recorded programs on AALL2Go.

Our Committee program at the annual meeting, 2009, featuring an AALL/BNA grant recipient program, "Finding 50 State Surveys Fast" was rated one of the top ten programs of the annual meeting.

We continued to promote the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program, AALL webinars, and other continuing education programs. Programs which the grants helped to fund were "Spotlight on Your Career 2009: Building Your Professional Network," Using CI to Stay Ahead of the Curve," "SERU: Can it Work in My Library?" "The Value of Mentoring," "ADR in the Law Library Environment," "Supporting Historical Trials Research and Dramatization," and "The Business Side of Law Firms."

We continued encouraging members to contribute to the Speaker Directory and the Calendar of Events. We set up a requirement, in collaboration with the AMPC whereby accepted annual meeting program coordinators enter speaker names in the speaker directory.

We did not survey the membership on their interest in mid-winter live institutes, one of our goals, because surveys were done by AALL in 2009 and 2010 that we hoped would answer that question. It is our supposition that virtual institutes might be a better way to go because of the economy.

We worked with the AMPC chair, among others, on a Special Annual Meeting Committee which will determine whether to recommend that more "big name" outside speakers be hired to present educational programs to be recorded for AALL2Go.

Proposed Activities for 2010-2011:
The Committee will work with the Education Director on presenting an online continuing education course in management.
The Committee will explore development of partnerships with other organizations such as CALI, Drexel U., Educause, AALS, SLA or others to share continuing education opportunities of value to our members and theirs.

The Committee will make recommendations on access structure for webinars.

The Committee will identify topics and speakers for webinar programs and adopt the use of tools and software such as Raptivity to engage members in program development.

The Committee will find new ways to promote the grants to Committees, the SIS's and Chapters.