Committee Name: Continuing Professional Education Committee

Committee Charge: To support the career development and continuing professional education needs of members in accordance with the AALL Professional Education Policy and the Competencies of Law Librarianship in programming outside the Annual Meeting, 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/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grants Program
-- educate and inform members about the 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 2011-2012:
The committee reviewed applications for the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grant Program (now AALL/Bloomberg), and worked to publicize and promote the program as much as possible. In February 2012 the committee produced a webinar to promote the grant program and provide instructions for submitting applications. The committee plans to review and update the Frequently Asked Questions document that is provided to assist grant applicants, as well as the Program Development Checklist that was developed by the committee in 2009. The committee worked to develop topics and speakers for AALL webinars. A subcommittee formed in September 2011 and developed a list of proposed webinar topics that was provided to Celeste Smith, AALL Director of Education. The subcommittee membership has rotated in February 2012, and the new group will develop an additional set of topics for future AALL webinars. The committee is reviewing the declined annual meeting proposals to see if any should be invited to produce the program as an AALL webinar. The committee proposed a program for the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting, on "Developing a Continuing Education Program for Professional Librarians." The proposal was declined.

Proposed Activities for 2012-2013:
The committee will review applications for four rounds of the AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grant Program. The committee will propose a program for the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting on a topic to be determined. A subcommittee will convene to develop webinar topics for AALL. The committee will seek the opportunity to review declined annual meeting proposals for the purpose of encouraging development of webinars or grant-supported local programming. The committee will develop ways to engage Chapter leaders as a way to increase applications for the AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grant Program.