Continuing Professional Education Committee Annual Report 2011-2012

Committee members were Elizabeth Outler (chair), Sheri Lewis (vice chair), Caren Biberman, Johanna Bizub, Holly Lakatos, Edna Lewis, Rosalind Romain, Erin Schlicht, Matthew Steinke, Kathleen Brown (Board liaison), and Celeste Smith (staff liaison).

The committee continued to advertise and promote to the membership the availability of the AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grant Program, reviewed the applications for the four rounds of the program, and awarded the grants. In 2011-2012, the committee received a total of five applications, of which four were chosen for awards. Three of the four programs accepted the awards, a total of $1,260.00. The three programs sponsored by AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grants were: (1) Developing and Using Stories to Teach Legal Research, (2) Journey Down the ILS Road: Where Are We Now?, and (3) Personal Effectiveness and Social Media.

The committee continued to reach out to AALL committee chairs, SIS chairs, caucus chairs, and chapter presidents in an effort to increase awareness of the grant program and to encourage applications. However, the number of applications decreased again in 2011-2012, as it had the previous year. In February 2012, Elizabeth Outler, Celeste Smith, and Paul Moorman (a past grant recipient) offered a free webinar to AALL members to provide information about the grant program and instructions for how to apply.

The committee also worked with AALL Education Director Celeste Smith to promote the content available in AALL2go, mainly through writing short articles that appeared monthly in the AALL e-newsletter, profiling a different program recording each month.

In the fall of 2011, a sub-committee led by then-vice chair Holly Lakatos developed proposed topics for AALL webinars; in the spring of 2012, the committee reviewed declined proposals provided by the Annual Meeting Program Committee to develop a list of proposals that would be desirable to develop as webinars.

The committee submitted a proposal to deliver a program for the 2012 Annual Meeting which was declined.

For the fall 2011 AALL Board Meeting, the committee submitted an action item to modify the committee charge to remove responsibility for the Speakers Directory, which no longer appears on the AALLnet web site.

Elizabeth Outler
Chair, 2011-2012