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 2012-2013:

The committee reviewed applications for the AALL Bloomberg Continuing Education Grant Program and worked to publicize and promote the program. The committee assigned each member as a liaison to each AALL chapter and has utilized those assignments to encourage chapters to submit grant applications. Also Celeste Smith, AALL Director of Education, has provided a flyer about the grant program for committee members to distribute at local chapter events. The CPE formed two subcommittees in 2012-2013, one to develop topics and speakers for AALL webinars and another subcommittee to review and revise the grant application form. The second subcommittee has completed its review and the newly-revised form will begin to be used for the next round of grant applications in spring 2013. The webinar subcommittee is working on a Technology Management webinar series and looking for potential speakers and dates for this programming opportunity. The CPE committee also will be reviewing the declined annual meeting proposals to see if any should be invited to produce the program as an AALL webinar.

Proposed Activities for 2013-2014:

The committee will review applications for four rounds of the AALL Bloomberg Continuing Education Grant Program. The committee will explore further opportunities to publicize and promote the grant program, including publicity in the AALL Spectrum. The committee will continue to convene a subcommittee to develop webinar topics for AALL. It further will explore the possibility of creating and coordinating a regular webinar series each year. The committee will continue to seek the opportunity to review declined annual meeting proposals for the purpose of encouraging development of webinars or grant-supported local programming. The committee also will explore the possibility of creating and maintaining a speakers' bureau as a resource for AALL educational programming.