Committee members were Sheri Lewis (chair), Johanna Bizub (vice chair), Pauline Afuso, Caren Biberman, Jessie Burchfield, Emerita Cuesta, Rosalind Romain, H. Nazreen Sahib, Erin Schlicht, Mary Schwarz, 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 grants. In 2012-2013, the committee approved grants for six professional development opportunities, double the number of programs supported in 2011-2012. The six programs sponsored by AALL/Bloomberg Continuing Education Grants were: (1) Aligning People, Process and Technology for Knowledge Management Success, (2) Spotlight on Your Career: The Path of Opportunity, (3) Congressional Information Symposium, (4) Fruitful Endeavors: Meeting and Exceeding the Challenge of the New Normal, (5) Augmented Reality in the Law Library, and (6) Research Librarians and Finding Out if Bad Writers are “Bad” Lawyers.”

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. 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 to local chapters.

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 began to be used in spring 2013. The webinar subcommittee worked on a Technology Management webinar series identifying potential speakers and dates for this programming opportunity. The CPE 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Lewis
Chair, 2012-2013