The Copyright Committee is charged with representing the Association’s interests regarding copyright and other intellectual property issues in legislative, regulatory, and judicial affairs. The committee informs and advises the Board and the Washington Affairs Office (WAO) and coordinates with WAO to communicate the Association’s views on intellectual property matters.

When the Copyright Committee began its work in New Orleans last July, we were (to borrow a phrase from Barack Obama) “all fired up.” The *Section 108 Study Group Report* was due by November 2007, legislation on orphan works seemed likely, and we looked forward to submitting a number of program ideas for the Portland meeting.

Unfortunately, the *Section 108 Study Group Report* was not made public until the last day of March 2008, so there has been little time to review it. Orphan works legislation was recently introduced in both the House and Senate, but seems unlikely to move this year.

The committee submitted five proposals for the 2008 Annual Meeting, two of which were accepted: “Evolving Fair Use Policies in the Private Law Firm,” proposed by Terry Seale and “Copyright in the 110th Congress,” which was proposed by the committee chair.

Three *Issue Briefs* were added to the Copyright Committee Web site: one on the TEACH Act by Michael Hannon, a second on orphan works, and a third on the lawsuit filed by three publishers against the Georgia State University System for copyright infringement. A Hot Topic proposal we submitted on the Georgia State lawsuit was not chosen.

Jonathan Franklin, associate law librarian at the University of Washington’s Gallagher Law Library and former chair of the Copyright Committee, was appointed to a position as International Copyright Advocate. In this post, funded by the American Library Association’s Office for Information Technology Policy, Mr. Franklin will develop expertise in international copyright law to help serve the Library Copyright Alliance, of which AALL is a founding member.

David Mao, AALL Treasurer, was our Board Liaison. Mary Alice Baish, Acting Washington Affairs Representative, provided us with stellar leadership and support throughout the year. Emily Feldman, who assists Mary Alice, provided helpful part-time assistance in the Washington Affairs Office.

Copyright Committee members for 2007-08 were: Scott Bailey, Vicenç Feliú, Michael Hannon, Dennis Kim-Prieto, Lawrence Tobe Liebert, Terry Seale, Laurie Urquiaga (Webmaster), and Sally Wiant. Thanks to Sally for taking minutes so often and so well. Dennis and Terry will continue to serve as members through the Annual Meeting in 2009, and I will continue as chair. Joan Shear will become vice chair of the committee beginning at the July Annual Meeting, and new members of the committee for 2008-2011 will be Jennifer Greig, Steven Melamut, and Roger Skalbeck.
In the coming year, the Copyright Committee plans to revise the *Model Law Firm Copyright Policy* and sponsor more programs to help members in all types of law libraries comply with fair use principles.

Keith Ann Stiverson, Chair
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