The Committee shall coordinate with the Government Relations Office to testify or otherwise communicate Association views on copyright and other intellectual property issues to all levels of government. The Committee may, on its own initiative, in accordance with Committee and Association policy, prepare and communicate Association positions to appropriate governmental bodies and to other interested groups, while keeping the Executive Board informed of all such efforts.

The Committee shall inform and advise the Executive Board and the Government Relations Office on copyright and other intellectual property matters. In addition, the Committee may wish to provide Annual Meeting programming related to developments in copyright law.

The Copyright Committee helps to advance the three strategic directions of AALL in a variety of ways. Under the three main rubrics, our Committee has contributed the following during the past year:

Leadership, Education, and Advocacy:
The Copyright Committee has provided comments on a variety of copyright-related matters for AALL, usually at the request of the Director of the Government Relations Office.

To help educate members, the Committee proposed four programs and one workshop for the annual meeting in Washington; one of our proposals was accepted, and another may be the subject of an AALL webinar. Our committee has contributed several AALL Issue Briefs and an AALL Spectrum article that will be published in a future issue. We would welcome the opportunity to have a regular column like the former Copyright Corner.

The Committee is currently working on several projects. We are in the process of updating Copyright Committee web pages. We also have some educational pieces underway to help AALL members better understand how to comply with copyright law. Finally, we have proposed to the Executive Board that AALL adopt CreativeCommons license language as part of the AALLnet upgrade, so as to encourage use of material on the web site and to provide support for the open access movement.

Now that the election is over and the economic crisis is being addressed, the Copyright Committee expects to be very busy in the coming year providing comments on Orphan Works (which is expected to be a priority) and on the Section 108 Study Group package of initiatives that is expected to be proposed by the U.S. Copyright Office. There are a variety of other intellectual property issues we are tracking. New educational initiatives for AALL members also will be a high priority for the Copyright Committee.