Committee Name: Grants Committee

Committee Charge: CHARGE: The Committee shall review and recommend to the Executive Board criteria for grant awards according to contemporary funding circumstances; coordinate the procurement, receipt and acknowledgement of grant funds; publicize the availability of grants, solicit applications, and award grants according to established criteria.

Major Activities for 2010-2011:

Although the major activity for the Grants Committee occurs in the spring, the Committee had plans and activities that spanned the 2010-2011 year. These activities had three purposes: To improve the Grant Application Process, to make the law librarian community more aware of the Grants Committee, and to prepare this year's Committee for its major task of grading all of the applications.

In August, the Committee reviewed both grant applications, and made suggestions to revise the language to clarify the application requirements. These suggestions were submitted for review and approval at the to the AALL Executive Board's fall meeting. All of the changes were approved and have been incorporated into the 2011 Grant Application forms.

In the fall of 2010, two committee members submitted two articles for publication in the AALL Spectrum. One article gave suggestions to grant applicant on how to write better personal statements while the second article gave suggestions on how to write more organized and effective letters of recommendations for grant applicants. These articles were published in the February issue of the AALL Spectrum.

In the early spring, the Committee did a practice grading exercise in order to prepare for the main grading activity slated for April. The grading and awarding of the grants is slated for April.

The final activities for the Committee will occur at AALL in Philadelphia. There, the Grants Committee will have a table in the Activities Area, and if asked, will also participate in the CONELL Marketplace. The final task for this Committee will be to hold the final meeting, where we will transfer duties and tasks to the new Chair and Committee.

Proposed Activities for 2011-2012:

For the next year, the committee will evaluate the changes that were made to the application forms and determine if they were helpful or not, and adjust if necessary. In addition, next year's Committee will review any problems that arise in the scoring of this year's awards. Finally, the Committee will focus on ways to promote interest in the Grants Committee.