The AALL Grants Committee’s charge is to administer the AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop grants program. A grant covers the cost of registration for either the Annual Meeting or one of the workshops offered at the meeting. Funds for grants were made available through the generous support of LexisNexis and the many donations of individual members of AALL. This year, all thirty-one applicants applied to register for the Annual Meeting, and there were no applications for a workshop registration grant. Of the applications submitted, eight were from students, twelve were from new AALL or chapter members, and eleven were from experienced AALL members.

At the Grants Committee meeting in Philadelphia in 2011, it was decided to revise the Student/New Member and Experienced Member grading forms. Grading forms are not required to receive AALL Executive Board review and approval, and in October 2011 the forms were revised and accepted by the committee.

In order to publicize the availability of grants, notices were placed on the LawLib listserv, as well as chapter discussion lists in December of 2011 and January of 2012. The February issue of the *AALL Spectrum* included a notice as well, encouraging members to apply for a grant. All postings to the membership emphasized the importance of personal statements and letters of recommendation, noting that these documents give the committee members insight into applicant’s unique qualifications, experiences, and aspirations.

In April the committee commenced its biggest project of the year, which was to review the applications. It had funds of $6000 to award, and granted a total of $5080 to the thirteen successful 2012 grant recipients. Applicants fall into one of three categories: student members, newer members who have been in AALL five or years or less, and experienced librarians with more than five years membership in AALL. Out of the original thirty-one applicants, there were four awardees in the experienced member category, five in the newer librarian category, and four in the student category.

The committee concluded its activities at AALL Meeting in Boston. It participated in advertising its activities at both CONELL and in the Activities Area, and the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 committees met together at that July 21st meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

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2011/2012 AALL Grants Committee