Purpose and Charge:

**Purpose:** To establish the AALL Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency as the “gold standard” of research competency within AALL and for the legal community.

**Charge:** The Task Force will: 1) Continue to develop implementation plan to establish the PSLRC as the “gold standard” within AALL and for the legal community; 2) Develop training and best practices for AALL members to share the PSLRC to their institutions and other stakeholders; 3) Implement strategies, including educational tools and best practices, to promote the "gold standard" to targeted external audiences and at the most appropriate venues.

Membership:
Sally Wise, Chair; Mary Jenkins; Catherine Lemann; Gail A. Partin; Linda-Jean Schneider; Jean Wenger, Board Liaison; Celeste Smith, Staff Liaison.

Task Force Report:
The Task force presented its Final Report to the Executive Board at their Summer Meeting. The Report is available in the Summer Board Book (Tab 14) and will be available on the Legal Research Competency section of AALLNET.org. [http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency](http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency)

Highlights of the Year:

**PSLRC Information Center** - The Task Force members and AALL Headquarters staff launched the PSLRC Information Center on ALLNET. [http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency](http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency). It is designed to promote the PSLRC to law firms, law schools, courts, and bar examiners.

**Webinar** - A member of the Task Force participated in a LexisNexis webcast in February titled Preparing Students for Practice - Employer Expectations for Legal Research Skills. [http://www.aallnet.org/mainmenu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency/learn](http://www.aallnet.org/mainmenu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency/learn) Approximately 100 people attended the webinar.

**Article** - Two members of the Task Force have published an article in Spectrum (online) titled There's a Competency for That! Standards for the Successful Researcher. Here is a link: [http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Spectrum-Online/Competency.html](http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Spectrum-Online/Competency.html)

**Conference** - Two members of the Task Force spoke at the 2013 Professional Development Institute (PDI), co-sponsored by NALP and ALI CLE (formerly ALI-ABA) and in collaboration with the Professional Development Consortium. Note: Three members of the Task Force have been invited to prepare a paper for the PD Quarterly.

Numerous Activates at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio:

Recommendations for Action
The Task Force recommended that the Executive Board approve the formation of the Legal Research Competency Special Committee for a two year term. The Executive Board approved the formation of the special committee at the Summer Executive Board Meeting.

Submitted by,

Sally Wise,

Chair, 2013-2014