Mentoring Committee 2006-07


The committee held its first business meeting at the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis and discussed its three principal activities for the year: (1) coordinating CONELL, (2) coordinating the Mentor Project, and (3) increasing utilization of the relatively new Quick Mentor service. The committee formed four subcommittees: CONELL, chaired by Michael Bushbaum; Mentor Project, chaired by Jessie Wallace Burchfield; Quick Mentor, chaired by Katie Leonard; and Publicity, chaired by Lee Peoples.

Ninety-eight AALL members registered for CONELL at the 2007 Annual Meeting. On the evening preceding CONELL, participants had an opportunity to meet each other during optional no-host dinners held at preselected restaurants. Based on CONELL evaluations completed the previous year, the Mentoring Committee slightly shortened the CONELL program and eliminated the “Ask the Experts” session. In addition to meeting Executive Board members and other AALL members, CONELL participants learned about AALL and careers in law librarianship, and enjoyed a bus trip of New Orleans.

In October 2006, the committee surveyed Mentor Project participants to assess their Mentor Project experiences. In June 2007, the committee worked with ALL-SIS, PLL-SIS, and SCCLL-SIS to match 104 members as mentors and mentees. The committee hosted a reception to facilitate the meeting of Mentor Project participants at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

The committee launched the Quick Mentor service in 2004-05 to provide short-term mentoring to AALL members. Despite persistent promotion, only three members sought mentoring through this service, which was consistent with usage in previous years.

The Publicity Subcommittee promoted the above activities in the AALL Spectrum, listserv messages, Mentoring Committee Web pages, and other means such as President Holterhoff’s From the Desk of e-mail messages.

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