The Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) consists of the current editors of 46 regional AALL chapter newsletters and AALL special interest section and caucus newsletters. The Council’s officers for 2008-09 were Matthew Braun and Regina Watson, co-chairs; Nancy Babb, webmaster; and Liz Glankler, listserv coordinator.

The council’s primary function is to maintain a page on the AALL website that includes up-to-date links to (1) tutorials designed to aid editors in the development and preparation of their newsletters, (2) details on programs that have been or will be sponsored by the council, and (3) websites and e-mail addresses corresponding to the publications of council members.

The council spent the 2008-09 year communicating primarily through its listserv, with members sharing stories and suggestions about particular issues concerning their publications. Among the topics discussed were the use of copyrighted photographs in newsletters, the proper attribution technique for previously published material, and the scope of errata sections in newsletters (that account for errors or confusion in previous issues of newsletters).

The council held a roundtable at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., with breakout groups discussing matters such as the current role of newsletters in the law library environment, the recruitment of columnists and other periodic contributors to these newsletters, the management of photographs in a newsletter, and technology tips for producing and disseminating such publications.

In 2009-10, the council hopes to establish a robust mentoring program, whereby newer and experienced newsletter editors will be matched based upon publication type and focus. Such a program will ideally increase member participation within the council and increase the cohesiveness of the organization. Additionally, the council will likely submit a proposal for an educational program or workshop at the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, hoping to further its visibility within AALL as a whole and capitalize on the success of the council’s sponsored program on newsletters, blogs, and email alerts at the 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans and its program on using newsletters to market law libraries at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Portland.