AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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Committee Name: Nominations Committee

Committee Charge: The Committee shall present a slate of candidates to the membership in accordance with the procedures specified in the Bylaws. The Committee shall present a slate that, if elected, would maintain a balance on the Executive Board of members by library type, geography, sex, and minority representation to the extent possible. The Committee shall solicit names of possible nominees from the membership and propose possible nominees itself. The Committee shall select from those names viable candidates to provide leadership to the Association. Prior to the presentation of the slate, the Committee shall determine if the nominees are willing and able to stand for election.

Major Activities for 2009-2010: Major activities completed by March 1, 2010: The Nominations Committee furthers the strategic goal of Leadership. The Committee set a work timeline and revised the FAQ section of its website to reflect the responsibilities of the officers to be elected in the 2010 election [Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, and Board Members]. Included on the FAQ page is the new responsibility of the Past Past President to serve on the Nominations Committee as Vice-Chair and Chair during the two years following Board Service (as approved by the AALL Board at its October 2009 meeting). The Committee has also begun soliciting names to consider as candidates for the 2010 election. A note was sent directly to all SIS, Committee, Caucus, and Chapter leaders asking for recommendations. Requests were also made to the general membership by both e-mail and in Spectrum. Additionally, the Committee was provided with a list of "Rising Stars" identified by the AALL Board during Chapter visits. The Committee Chair supplemented the list of possible candidate names to include more detail about SIS, Committee, Caucus, and Chapter activities so that committee members would have more information about potential candidates. The Committee will evaluate the names presented for consideration and develop a slate that reflects the diversity needed for the AALL Board. This will be completed by June 2010.

Proposed Activities for 2010-2011: Proposed Activities: The AALL Board has recommended that there be an on-site meeting of the Nominations Committee at the annual meeting. This will need to be scheduled and an agenda created. Also recommended is an orientation session for the Nominations Committee. The format and content of this training will also need to be developed. Perhaps these two recommendations could be combined to have the orientation session at the annual meeting. Other than the same items that would be presented in an orientation, there would be no major agenda items for a July meeting. A method to keep the chart of information regarding potential candidates current will need to be developed. The chair has also received a suggestion that there be some sort of informational session or handout for candidates as to what does and does not constitute campaigning.