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 2011-2012:

Major activities completed by March 2, 2012:

The Nominations Committee furthers the strategic goal of Leadership.

The Nominations Committee continued the tradition (for the second year) of holding an orientation meeting on Saturday, July 23, 2011 during the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The idea for an orientation meeting was proposed as part of an October 2009 AALL Board Administration Committee report regarding Nominations Committee procedures. At the orientation meeting the Committee reviewed its charge; the importance and confidentiality of the Committee’s work; the work expected and the time-frame involved; and the process and criteria the Committee will use to propose a balanced slate; including type of library, diversity, and geography. The orientation meeting was attended by the chair (James E. Duggan), vice-chair (Catherine Lemann), returning members, Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff, and Nuchine Nobari, new members, Raquel M. Ortiz and Lyn Warmath, and incoming AALL Vice President, Jean M. Wenger. As all new members were in attendance, there was no need for an additional virtual orientation meeting (as called for in the Board Administration report).

The Committee also held a conference call on November 10, 2011, and reviewed the election time line, heard a 2011 election update, and set a date for the upcoming Spring 2012 on-site meeting. The Committee reviewed a number of committee documents and assigned subcommittees to update the documents as needed. Sally Holterhoff and Raquel Ortiz reviewed the candidate information page on AALLNET; Cathy Lemann and Nuchine Nobari reviewed the Conduct of Elections Policy; and James Duggan and Lyn Warmath reviewed the Nomination and Election Procedures.

In January 2012 the Committee began soliciting nominations for candidates in the 2012 election. An email was sent to all SIS, Committee, Caucus, and Chapter leaders asking for recommendations. Requests were also made to the general membership by e-mail alert and by an article in the AALL Spectrum. The Committee is scheduled to meet in-person March 23-24, 2012, in Chicago to analyze the list of submitted names and determine potential slates of candidates for AALL Vice-President-Elect, Treasurer, and two Board Members.

Proposed Activities for 2012-2013:

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The Committee plans to 1) continue to tweak the wording of various policies and procedures as needed; 2) discuss and implement changes to the “Meet the Candidates” event held at the Annual Meeting.