During the past year, the Placement Committee proposed several major initiatives including changing the committee’s name and charge to reflect a broader role in providing career-related advice and assistance to members; improving and enhancing the AALL Jobs Hotline website to add such additional services as Post-A-Resume, Virtual Career Advisors, and links to articles and websites related to career development; and modernizing and automating many of the traditional Placement Office services provided before, during and after the Annual Meeting. These initiatives reflected comments and suggestions from many members who frequented the Placement Office and used its services in the past.

Unfortunately, the committee was unable to move forward on most of these initiatives. The proposal to change the committee’s name and charge were referred to the Committee on Committees, which is still considering it. The proposal to enhance the website was not approved by the AALL Executive Board, which was concerned that some aspects of the proposal overlapped with the charges of other committees including the Recruitment and Mentoring Committees and suggested that the Placement Committee approach these committees about working on these initiatives together. Working with AALL Membership Coordinator Hannah Phelps, the committee did draft Placement Office operating procedures, which should help future committee members in setting up, staffing, and breaking down the office at future Annual Meetings.

Placement Committee members were: Linda M. Ryan, Chair; Hannah Phelps, AALL Membership Coordinator; Marcia Baker; Stephanie Crawford; Rosemary LaSala; Gayle Lynn-Nelson; Ruth Bridges; Teresa Gallego O’Rourke; Hazel Lord; Jennifer Murray; and Cornell Winston, AALL Executive Board liaison.

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