The committee assembled price data and produced the AALL Price Index for Legal Publications 2011, with assistance from PILP Editor Carol Nicholson and AALL Director of Information Technology Christopher Siwa. The committee consulted with Margaret K. Maes, AALL Vendor Liaison, as needed regarding matters involving legal publishers.

The committee launched a major two-year initiative to revise or restructure the list of publications used in PILP calculations, taking into account the increasing prevalence of electronic-format publications and package-based pricing. To ensure continuity, the vice chair was chosen to head the new subcommittee investigating these issues. He will serve as committee chair in 2012-2013 to continue and possibly complete the process.

The committee continued the initiative to enforce strict compliance with price data definitions. Significantly, the committee discovered that for an unknown period of years, a major vendor had been providing annual price data for the year following the year requested. For example, when requested to submit 2010 price data, the vendor submitted 2011 data. After consideration of alternatives and ramifications, the committee chose to end this erroneous practice. Prefatory material to the AALL PILP 2011 discusses this correction.

The committee considered and rejected a major legal publisher’s request that the PILP be provided to the publisher (and possibly other major legal publishers) for prior review in advance of general distribution of the PILP.

The committee worked with AALL leadership in creating and filling the recently reinstated position of PILP Editor. Through the committee chair, the committee helped differentiate the respective roles of the committee and the editor, assisted in preparing a job announcement and position description, participated in candidate assessments, and oriented the newly hired editor to PILP processes and issues.

PILP Committee members for 2011-2012 were Regina A. Watson, Chair; Daniel Campbell, Vice Chair; Shannon Burchard; Stephanie Edwards; Stacy Fowler; JoAnn Hounshell; Wendy Lyon; Judy Janes, ex officio; and Margaret Maes, ex officio. Board Liaison was Deborah Rusin, and Staff Liaison was Christopher Siwa. PILP Editor was Carol Nicholson.

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