

AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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Committee Name: Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee

Committee Charge: CHARGE: The Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee shall achieve its purpose by:
Acting as a clearinghouse of law librarianship education and career information for prospective law librarians; and developing and updating such materials for the clearinghouse;
Acting as a clearinghouse of law librarianship recruitment resources for members and chapters to use for local recruitment and outreach initiatives, such as career day materials; and developing and updating such materials for the clearinghouse;
Maintaining the Committee web site as the Association's primary clearinghouse site for law librarianship graduate education, career and recruitment information and resources including specific maintenance of the List of ALA-Accredited Graduate Programs in Library Science with Law Library Classes or Joint MLS/JD Classes web site;
Answering questions from individuals who contact Headquarters or the Committee, and questions referred to the Committee, inquiring about the profession;
Encouraging and supporting individual and chapter law librarianship recruitment and outreach efforts;
Coordinating with the Diversity Committee to provide particular support for law librarianship recruitment efforts directed toward diverse populations;
Coordinating with Headquarters to distribute information on law librarianship annually to library schools, law schools, paralegal programs, bar associations and other target groups;
Educating the membership on the importance of law librarianship recruitment in their daily lives;
Developing other methods to promote law librarianship as a career.

Major Activities for 2013-2014:

The Committee has trying to get going after two previous years of little activity. As chair, my priorities for this year have been to: 1) update the information on the "About Law Librarianship" pages on AALL's website (last updated in 2008); 2) send out mailing to law school career center directors about law librarianship as an alternative career for JDs; 3) recruit AALL members to contribute descriptions about their jobs to provide a personalized picture for prospective librarians about what law librarians do in different settings (private, academic, and state/court/county libraries) - contributions will be added to "About Librarianship" pages; 4) update the "About Law Librarianship" print brochure; and 5) coordinate with Diversity Committee to communicate AALL's commitment to supporting diversity in outreach vehicles - print, web and marketing. As chair, I have also responded to all inquiries about law librarianship that have submitted through the AALL website.

Proposed Activities for 2014-2015:

As these are the committee's current priorities and remain incomplete, I foresee the committee continuing all of the above projects next year.