Committee Name: Scholarships Committee

Committee Charge: The Committee shall review and recommend to the Executive Board the types of scholarships needed for the advancement of the profession and the recruitment of qualified persons into the field of law librarianship; develop, review and set guidelines for awarding scholarships for each category of scholarships. The Committee shall also publicize the availability of scholarships, solicit applications, and award scholarships according to established criteria.

Major Activities for 2008-2009: Throughout the year, the Scholarships Committee has fielded questions from individuals about the types of scholarships that AALL offers. We have also made efforts to publicize the availability of the scholarships, including contacting schools with graduate library programs and asking them to post information on their bulletin boards and listservs. We also put together a request to the AALL Finance committee for additional funds for the scholarship program for the next fiscal year. The bulk of our work, however, will occur in April, when we will review the scholarship applications and make determinations about who will receive them and in what amount.

Proposed Activities for 2009-2010: The work of the Scholarships committee is generally consistent from one year to the next. In the early part of the year, members should review the website and the applications themselves to make sure that everything is current. Efforts should be made throughout the year to publicize the scholarships to the appropriate audience. A request for additional funding should be made to the AALL Finance committee in January. Committee members should be sure to leave a large block of time free in the first half of April for review of the applications.