AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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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 2009-2010:

The Committee will begin accepting applications very soon for the three scholarship funds that we have now. We deleted one scholarship this year, the James F. Connolly LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions Scholarship, because its funds were depleted last year. The deadline for applications is April 1, and funds will be given out in June. We will encourage members in law school libraries to share the application information with any students they know who are interested in law librarianship. We will also send the application information to library schools in order to catch interested students who would likely not know about the scholarships otherwise. Committee members will review the applications in early April and decide what amounts should be awarded to which applicants. This year there was a slight increase in the total amount of money available to be awarded over the amount from last year. The Committee has seen a steady rise in applications, and we hope that will be the case again this year.

Proposed Activities for 2010-2011:

Next year's committee will continue the primary function of the committee: choosing the best qualified applicants to receive scholarships. Hopefully, economic conditions will improve, making more money available for scholarships.