AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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 2011-2012: The Committee worked with HQ to modify the scholarship application forms for the current year to include the request for current resumes. The Committee revised the score sheets for the current year for use in its review of applications and recommendations for awards. Publicity has been a focus of the committee’s work: the committee developed a spreadsheet of contacts within library and information schools and emailed the individuals to assist in making their students aware of these opportunities; the Committee prepared a press release announcing the availability of these scholarship funds making it clear that a candidate who met the criteria could apply for more than one scholarship and sent it to all chapters and SIS groups for inclusion on their websites or newsletters; and, the Committee worked with headquarters to promote contributions to the scholarship fund.

Proposed Activities for 2012-2013: The Committee will seek Board approval of a single application form currently under revision by the Committee. It will continue its efforts to further publicize the availability of these opportunities and it will continue to seek ways to increase member and vendor donations to the AALL Scholarship Fund.