

American Association of Law Libraries

2005-2010 Strategic Directions

Over the past two years AALL worked to develop strategies for the future that will strengthen our core purpose and values. Our plan for 2005 to 2010 reflects the result of this work. This approach will give us the direction and flexibility needed to grow as an organization, while placing primary focus on our members.

Core Purpose of AALL

AALL strengthens the profession of law librarianship and supports the individual efforts of our members.

Core Values of AALL

AALL values:

- Lifelong learning and intellectual growth
- The role of the law librarian in a democratic society
- Equitable and permanent access to legal information
- Continuous improvement in the quality of justice
- Community

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL I: LEADERSHIP

Law librarians will be recognized and valued as the foremost leaders and experts in legal information, research, and technology.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide tools to increase members' abilities to position themselves as essential to the mission of their organizations
- Provide leadership training opportunities
- Expand mentoring programs and opportunities
- Increase AALL participation in organizations within the legal and library communities

GOAL II: EDUCATION

Law librarians will have the education and training they need to meet and leverage the challenges of the changing information environment.

OBJECTIVES

- Expand the scope of educational offerings to meet the ever-changing needs of members
- Develop partnerships to increase the range of educational offerings
- Use a wide range of delivery means and opportunities to provide education beyond the Annual Meeting
- Increase the number of library school programs for law librarianship and increase awareness of law librarianship as a profession
- Increase the number and amount of grants and scholarships

GOAL III: ADVOCACY

Law librarians will influence the outcome of legal information, technology policy, and librarianship issues of concern to AALL members.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase resources available for advocacy efforts
- Continue to expand international role
- Improve grassroots participation in advocacy efforts