2009 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
POLICY TRACK PROGRAMS

During the conference, the AALL Government Relations Office, Government Relations Committee (GRC), Copyright Committee, and Electronic Legal Information Access & Citation Committee (ELIACC) will hold meetings and programs on AALL’s legislative priorities for the coming year. We encourage you to attend the meetings of the policy committees to get a sense of the contributions they make throughout the year. Please also join us for the following exciting events focused on our legislative and policy agenda. Room locations will be confirmed after June 24.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Electronic Legal Information Access & Citation (ELIAC) Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 26, 2009 • 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Renaissance-Room 18

Government Relations Committee Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2009 • 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
WCC-Room 144 C

Copyright Committee Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2009 • 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
WCC-Room 159 A

Chapter Leadership Roundtable: Government Relations
Monday, July 27, 2009 • 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
WCC-Room 159 B

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

A2: Beyond Copyright? How License Agreements and Digital Rights Management Pose Challenges to Fair Use and the Provision of Electronic or Media Services
Sunday, July 26, 2009 • 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM      WCC-Room 152 A

Content providers make widespread use of license agreements and Digital Rights Management technologies. Librarians can no longer assume that the traditional understanding of fair use takes precedence. This program will examine the intersection of copyright and contract, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and its judicial interpretation, and legal theories designed to increase the scope of fair use. In addition, this program will offer a case study on dealing with the ethical obligations and practical difficulties of providing service in the current environment. What limits are necessary? Are there alternative means of providing service?

C1: Network Neutrality: The Debate Over the Internet Superhighway
Sunday, July 26, 2009 • 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM      WCC-Room 145 AB

Libraries serve users with on-site Internet access, as well as remote access to online catalogs, digital collections and other digital information obtained and created by our libraries. The ability of libraries to provide equitable access to the diverse content and innovations of the Internet could be at risk unless measures are taken to promote “network neutrality” to assure the continuation of an open and nondiscriminatory Internet. Without network neutrality, telecommunications companies will be able to charge higher premiums for faster Internet service, putting many libraries in the “slow lane” if they cannot afford the extra cost. The speakers will present their side of the debate, explaining why network neutrality regulation is needed or why it may do more harm than good. This program will highlight the issues surrounding network neutrality, and why law librarians have a stake in the debate.

E6: Discovering Advocacy Web Tools: Your Key to Influencing Congress
Monday, July 27, 2009 • 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM      WCC-Room 152 AB

How can you influence members of Congress to address the needs of law libraries? It starts with making contact! The AALL Government Relations Office offers many resources to help keep you informed about the latest information policy news and provides you with the tools you need to build relationships with your representatives. Come learn about the resources we offer to help you become an effective advocate for law libraries.
G3: Evaluating Federal e-Life Cycle Management—A Town Meeting with OMB, NARA and GPO
Monday, July 27, 2009 • 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM WCC-Room 147 AB
AALL has long been committed to holding the federal government responsible for ensuring the entire lifecycle of electronic government information, from creation to preservation. This responsibility becomes especially critical when government entities eliminate print in favor of electronic without ensuring the need for permanent access to official, authentic online legal information. High-level officials from the new Administration’s Office of Management and Budget, the National Archives and Records Administration and the Government Printing Office will each tackle these important issues from their unique perspective. This program will explore the roles, responsibilities and policies of each entity, which, while different, are crucial to the success of federal e-government. Join us to assess how well these government agencies are meeting the digital information needs of the legal community and the public.

G6: We Don’t Need Copyright to Put an Article on Our Network, Do We?
Monday, July 27 • 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM WCC-Room 152 AB
The past year has witnessed increased litigation and threat of litigation against colleges and universities—for example, the suit against Georgia State University, regarding materials placed on intranets, e-reserves and class web sites. The use of library reserves, course packs and class web sites has changed radically with the growth of the digital environment. First, the use of paper decreased rapidly over the past five years as schools turned to digital materials. Now, some schools are seeing a decrease in the use of electronic reserves as faculty increasingly use class web sites and course management software such as Blackboard. This program will discuss the process for determining whether copyright permission should be sought for materials used in intranets, electronic reserves and on course web sites. Speakers will examine the legal justification, litigation risks, and legal basis for making appropriate decisions and policies in view of the library’s fair use rights and current litigation climate.

H5: Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 • 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM WCC-Room 151 AB
The Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update provides the AALL membership with news about progress with information policy issues and legislative advocacy efforts during the year, as well as pending legislation and administrative actions of particular interest to our membership. GRC Chair Steve Mirsky will present the 2009 AALL Public Access to Government Information and Robert L. Oakley Member Advocacy Awards to our distinguished recipients. He will also provide an overview of the GRC’s work during the past year. Copyright Committee Chair Keith Ann Stiverson and Government Relations Office Director Mary Alice Baish will summarize their year’s activities and accomplishments. In addition, a guest speaker will highlight an issue of key importance to AALL members.

J3: Public Access to the Law in the YaOogle Age
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 • 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM WCC-Room 152 AB
Recent studies indicate that many government data sources are essentially inaccessible to the general public, while others that are accessible contain nomadic formatting, making it difficult to search and find information. Search engines like Google and Yahoo (YaOogle), and private third-party organizations, such as OMB Watch, have revolutionized the search for information and have achieved functionality the government has thus far failed to achieve. Savvy lawyers, librarians and law students alike are increasingly using these search engines and other open access sources to find important government information. Panelists will argue and demonstrate that, in this "YaOogle Age", we all can participate in the promotion of, and public access to, legal information. The program will explore how the federal judiciary can serve as a model for how legal information could be distributed in a way that can be read by feed readers and search engines, and downloaded in bulk by the public.

J5: Advocating for Authentication of and Permanent Public Access to Electronic Government Legal Information
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 • 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM WCC-Room 151 AB
Among the findings of the State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources were: No state’s online primary legal resources are authenticated or afford ready authentication by standard methods, and only eight states have provided for permanent public access (PPA) to one or more of their online primary legal resources. These findings establish a critical need for action. A number of government agencies have begun to address these issues at a federal level. These agencies’ procedures can provide a model law librarians can use to present a case in their home states to ensure that the information state governments make available electronically is in an authenticated format and is permanently preserved. Participants will be provided with information to be able to answer the questions: “What is it?” “Why do we need it?” and “How do we do it?”