Present at the meeting were Luis Acosta, John Cannan, Terrye Conroy, Stacy Etheredge, Joel Fishman, Barbara Fritschel, Sara Galligan, David McFadden, Maria Protti, Pamela Tull, and Lee Warthen.

I. Annual Meeting Program Proposals: Barbara Fritschel of the Annual Meeting Program Committee briefly discussed aspects of creating strong programs for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

II. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee was thanked for its services. The committee’s slate of candidates consisted of Terrye Conroy for Vice Chair /Chair Elect and John Cannan for Secretary/Treasurer. Terrye and John were elected to serve in these offices.

III. Proposed Bylaws: David McFadden offered the amended LISP bylaws which were adopted by vote of those members present at the meeting.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: John Cannan gave an update on LISP finances. After disbursements for the Kathy Garner grant and other costs, the SIS had around $9,000 in funds.

V. Grants Committee: The winners of the Kathy Garner Grant for 2008 were Melanie Salon and Mindy Rush. Four applications were received for the 2008 grant and there was discussion on how to increase the number of applicants. A proposal to increase each grant to $850 and open the process to non-LISP members (while retaining a preference for members) was discussed.

VI. VIP: The LISP VIP, Bonnie Hough, with the California Administrative Office of the Courts.

VII. Public Libraries Toolkit: The committee discussed various means of broadening coverage of the Toolkit, which currently covers 24 states and the District of Columbia. Various methods of increasing coverage were discussed, such as locating LISP members in each unrepresented state.

VIII. Booklet Brochure: The committee discussed a possible republication booklet/brochure on how to research a legal question. It was explained that, because this is an AALL publication, approval from the AALL Executive Board is necessary, which approval was obtained at the Executive Board’s July 2008 meeting. The additional steps involved in publishing the second edition were discussed.
IX. Joint SCCLL/LISP Pro Bono Committee: Sara Galligan reported that the 50-state survey project identification of statewide and local pro bono projects is continuing. The committee is also continuing its support of the Self-Represented Litigation Network.

X. LISP Web Page: The committee discussed updating the descriptions of LISP on the web pages within AALLNet which contained out of date information.

XI. LISP Funds: The committee discussed suggestions regarding the use of funds in the LISP account.