Members of the 2008-2009 AALLNET Committee were Victoria K. Trotta, chair; Bess Reynolds, vice chair; Shannon Silvey Burchard; Barrett D. Graham; Milagros R. Rush; Jennifer S. Stephens; and James Wirrell. Carol Bredemeyer served as AALL Executive Board liaison, and Christopher Siwa served as AALL staff liaison. John D. Edwards and Kathie J. Sullivan both served as ex-officio members.

This year, AALL planned for a new AALLNET platform and therefore some of the routine tasks of the AALLNET Committee were suspended, pending the outcome of that project. For example, the position of AALLNET coordinator remained vacant. Some consultation with AALL entity webmasters continued, but further entity web page redesign efforts were discouraged, pending the implementation of the new AALLNET platform.

The primary project of the AALLNET Committee was to work with AALL committees and SISs to review the content on their websites, delete out-of-date materials, and inventory the remaining web pages by preparing spreadsheets and reporting numbers of types of files on their sites. This information will be used to plan migration priorities and identify content suitable for archiving. Bess Reynolds, AALLNET vice chair, compiled the results of this effort. Nearly 100 percent of AALL entities contributed to this project.

The committee was asked to review the new Recruitment Committee website, and the chair coordinated AALLNET status announcements to the membership via the Law-Lib listserv as necessary. The chair served as ex-officio member of the AALLNET Strategic Planning Committee and the LLJ/Spectrum Advisory Committee.

The committee expresses its appreciation to Georgetown Law Library, which hosted the annual Webmasters’ Workshop on Saturday, July 25, 2009. Michael Lindsay, director of library web development, UC Berkeley School of Law, conducted the workshop. AALL Web Administrator Chris Siwa supported the event in superlative fashion. Mr. Siwa held a drop-by event for Discussion Forum Owners in the AALL Member Services booth in the Exhibit Hall, in lieu of holding a formal workshop.

New AALLNET is scheduled to be implemented in 2009-2010. The role of the AALLNET Committee has yet to be defined in this process, but it is certain that there will be opportunities for this standing committee to make significant contributions through drafting of policies and procedures that will ensure its success. The Webmasters’ Workshop should be planned and possibly expanded to include training on the new AALLNET platform. The committee may reassess whether the Discussion Forum Managers forum should revert to a separate workshop following the Webmasters’ Workshop, or whether it is best held as a drop-by event in the Exhibit Hall.

Victoria K. Trotta, chair
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