2014-15 Copyright Committee: D.R. Jones (Chair), Kelly Leong (Vice-Chair), Patricia Barbone, Pam Brannon, June Casey, Lacy Rakeshaw, and Victoria Szymczak, Suzanne Thorpe (Board Liaison), Emily Feltren (Staff Liaison), Elizabeth Holland (Staff Liaison).

The Copyright Committee met by monthly conference call during 2014-2015. Subcommittees addressed various aspects of Committee work.

At its spring 2014 board meeting, the AALL Executive Board approved changes in the Committee's charge. The revised charge is posted on AALLnet.

Activities supporting AALL Strategic Directions Goal II – Advocacy:

Emily Feltren and Elizabeth Holland provided frequent updates on government activity including activities of the new congress.

The 2013-2014 Committee report did not include discussion of spring 2014 Committee actions. These actions were:

In February 2014 the Copyright Office issued a request for additional comments concerning orphan works and mass digitization. Additional comments were to address issues raised in an earlier round of comments and arising from public roundtables. The Committee worked with the Government Relations Office to draft comments in response to this request. MLA, SLA and AAHSL joined AALL in these comments. The comments, drafted largely by committee member D.R. Jones, were filed May 21, 2014 and are at: http://copyright.gov/orphan/comments/Docket2012_12/American-Association-of-Law-Libraries(AALL)-Assosciation-of-Academic-Health-Sciences-Libraries(AAHSL)-Medical-Libraries-Association(MLA)-Special-Libraries-Association(SLA).pdf.

During 2014, the Department of Commerce's Internet Policy Task Force held roundtables on certain copyright topics. Meg Kribble, the 2013-14 Copyright Committee Chair, represented the interests of AALL at one of these roundtables held on June 25, 2014 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In July 2014, the Copyright Committee and DALIC formed an informal joint subcommittee on state copyright issues. The joint subcommittee charge was to explore issues surrounding copyright of state primary legal materials, prepare a preliminary report outlining the issues and propose next steps for addressing issues. A preliminary draft of the report has been prepared. Copyright committee members June Casey and Kelly Leong serve on the joint subcommittee.

Activities supporting AALL Strategic Directions Goal III – Education:

The Committee's program "Emerging Issues in Copyright: What You Need to Know" was presented at the July 2014 AALL Annual Meeting. It was well attended and well received. The program featured committee members D.R. Jones, Meg Kribble and Kevin Miles as speakers. D.R. Jones was the moderator. The program was one of three for the entire conference that was selected for streaming to members. Committee members also participated in the Public Policy update program at the 2014 Annual Meeting and will do so again in 2015.

The program subcommittee proposed two programs for the 2015 Annual Meeting. These proposals were not accepted.

Other activities:

The Copyright Committee completed an update of the "AALL Guidelines on the Fair Use of Copyrighted Works by Law Libraries." The AALL Executive Board approved the revised version in July 2014. The Guidelines were renamed "Guidelines on the Use of Copyrighted Works by Law Libraries" to reflect that they cover more than fair use. The new version is at:
In Fall 2014, Patricia Barbone, a Committee member, formed the Law Firm Policy Task Force from interested PLL-SIS members working in law firms. The task force created a survey directed to private law librarians to get member feedback on copyright concerns in the firm, determine what aspects of the current policy need to be updated, and identify what new areas should be added. This task force is now reviewing the survey results which include a few existing law firm policies submitted by members. The task force has a detailed list of the elements to be included in a revised policy. It is documenting copyright concerns to address in an accompanying guidance document. It will begin drafting shortly.

A subcommittee, at the request of an AALL member, undertook a review of the Statement of Best Practices in Fair Use of Collections Containing Orphan Works for Libraries, Archives, and Other Memory Institutions to determine if AALL should endorse the statement. UC Berkeley and American University researchers created the statement. The subcommittee is currently finalizing its review.

The Committee maintains a blog, a Twitter account, and contributes to the Intellectual Property section of the Government Relations site on AALLNET. A subcommittee reviewed this section for updating. It reviewed ways to improve blog and Twitter communications. The subcommittee will review and update the Committee's brochure.

**Proposed Activities for 2015-2016:**

As the new Congress’ first session begins, rumblings of copyright legislation are already gaining momentum starting with a February House Judiciary Committee Hearing. The Copyright Committee looks forward to working with GRO in an effort to analyze any copyright legislation that may be introduced in the 2015-2016 year. During the coming year the Committee will strive to complete its joint subcommittee work with DALIC on state copyright law. The Committee expects that the task force will complete the Model Law Firm Copyright Policy and the Committee will review it. The Committee will also look for more ways to reach out to AALL members via social media and blogging and will continue to address copyright issues as they arise. Committee members will prepare issue briefs on important copyright issues.

The Committee will continue to work with GRO in monitoring hot topic areas such as orphan works and the Google Books case.