CONELL is a one-day program held on the Saturday before the Annual Meeting. The program introduces AALL to newer members of our profession. The morning program introduces the attendees to the Executive Board and some of the leadership, publishing, committee service and networking opportunities provided by AALL. The afternoon program consists of lunch and a tour of our host city. CONELL also provides an excellent opportunity for participants to network with their peers. This year, the CONELL Committee members and members of the AALL Executive Board jointly hosted Dutch-treat dinners on the evening before CONELL. These Dutch-treat dinners serve as an informal way to meet in small groups prior to the start of CONELL.

The Committee had a busy year getting ready for Philadelphia. The Committee worked on the program, tour options, speaker lineup, Dutch treat dinners, MarketPlace coordination, speed networking, signage, and breakfast and lunch menus. The Committee also brainstormed possible ways to improve the morning program by creating videos of AALL leaders that cannot attend.

Following the morning program and lunch, we continued the tradition of providing a tour of the host city. This year’s bus and walking tour of Colonial Philadelphia, including Constitution Hall and the surrounding area, was very well received. The participants enjoyed a narrated historic walk around Constitution Hall; the tour lasted approximately one hour and our group chartered two buses for transportation.

The 2014-2015 CONELL Committee consists of: Emily Janoski-Haehlen, vice-chair; (Erika Wayne, former chair); Katie Crandall; Carla Evans; Felicity Murphy; Christine Scherzinger; Lei Zhang; John Adkins, Board liaison; Cara Schillinger, staff liaison.

The officers for 2015-2016 are Emily Janoski-Haehlen, chair and Katie Crandall, vice-chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Janoski-Haehlen
Vice-Chair 2014-2015