

AALL Awards Committee

2015–2016 Annual Report

The 2015–2016 AALL Awards Committee members are Pauline Aranas, Chair; Katie Miller, Vice Chair; Carol Bredemeyer; Michelle Cosby; Tina Dumas; Rachel Gordon; and Terry Long. Gail Warren served as the committee's AALL Executive Board Liaison and Kim Rundle served as staff liaison.

The Awards Committee oversees the granting of awards established by the Association as selected by various Association entities. There are currently seventeen Association awards. In addition to administering three of the seventeen Association awards, the committee also assumed various administrative responsibilities pertaining to the awards program. The latter typically entailed coordinating efforts with AALL Headquarters staff, particularly Kim Rundle, the committee's staff liaison. As in the past, most of this work fell to the committee chair, although the vice-chair was involved as well.

This year the Association adopted award juries to administer several Association awards. Under this new structure, four awards the committee formerly administered transferred to new, annually appointed juries: Chapter Professional Development, Innovations in Technology, Law Library Publications, and Volunteer Service. The committee chair and vice-chair contacted the jury chairs for these four awards to share information and provide guidance during this time of transition.

The chair worked with Kim Rundle to update the Awards Procedures and Deadlines information available on AALLNET. The deadline for nominations for each of the awards was February 1, 2016. In addition to the numerous reminders which were regularly included in issues of the AALL E-Newsletter beginning in December, individual award chairs selectively notified appropriate AALL entities about the nomination process and deadline. The chair also sent periodic reminders regarding AALL award recipient submission procedures and deadlines to jury and committee chairs and asked the SIS Council chair to disseminate similar information on behalf of the committee. Finally, the chair assisted Kim Rundle with the final review of the awards brochure which is distributed at the Annual Meeting and, ultimately, posted on AALLNET.

Before the 2015 committee meeting then President Holly Riccio asked the committee to conduct a comprehensive review of AALL's Awards Program. The chair and vice chair worked with board liaison Gail Warren to seek guidance from our current AALL president, vice president and executive director on the best way to proceed regarding a comprehensive review of AALL's Awards Program. At this time this issue is under consideration by AALL leadership and the committee will wait to hear from AALL officials.

The primary responsibility of the Awards Committee in 2015–2016 was to administer three of the Association's seventeen awards: Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, and Hall of Fame Award. These awards recognize, support, and honor individuals and institutions who exemplify the Association's core values as outlined in the 2013-2016 Strategic Directions and the goals of leadership, education, and advocacy.

Consistent with past practices the chair divided the committee into subcommittees for each award. Pauline Aranas, Katrina Miller and Michelle Cosby served as the chair of a subcommittee responsible for one of the awards administered by the committee. Committee members each served on two subcommittees. Starting with the 2016-17 committee, all committee members will review nominations for each award. The chair will appoint a committee member to lead the administration process.

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award (Pauline Aranas, subcommittee chair)

The subcommittee received one nomination. The subcommittee also affirmed the practice of prior years, concluding that it was appropriate for committee members to go beyond the list of those nominated for the award and offer the names of other individuals who they deemed worthy of consideration. The subcommittee decided to include nominees from the prior year. The subcommittee selected S. Blair Kauffman, Law Librarian and Professor of Law, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut and Judith Wright, Associate Dean of Library and Information Services, *retired*, D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

Last year, the committee hosted a program at the annual meeting: "Gallagher Up Close and Personal: An Informal Conversation with the 2015 Recipients." This program was an effort to increase awareness of and appreciation for Gallagher Award winner. Given the positive reception and attendance, the committee hosted another "Gallagher Up Close and Personal" program at the 2016 annual meeting. This provided an opportunity for conference attendees to hear from these esteemed individuals above and beyond the short address each will make at the Association luncheon on Tuesday.

Hall of Fame Award (Katie Miller, subcommittee chair)

The subcommittee received five excellent nominations. The subcommittee found it helpful to coordinate discussions with the Gallagher Award subcommittee for two reasons: (1) the Gallagher recipients are automatically inducted into the Hall of Fame; (2) there could be overlapping nominations. The subcommittee also decided to consider nominations received in the prior year.

The nominees were all very accomplished, leaders in their respective work environments and significant contributors to the profession. The factor that carried the most weight for selection was a record of sustained and significant or distinguished service to the Association throughout much of the person's entire career. The subcommittee acknowledged that the award is not a "law librarian hall of fame," but rather the AALL Hall of Fame.

The subcommittee selected the following individuals for induction into the AALL Hall of Fame in 2016: Mark Estes, Law Library Director, Alameda County Law Library, Oakland, California; Hazel Johnson, Richmond Library Supervisor, *Retired*, McGuireWoods LLP, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina; Frank Yining Liu, Associate Dean for Legal Programs, Director of the Duquesne Center for Legal Information and Allegheny County Law Library, and Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Merle Slyoff, Collection Development Librarian, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This year, the Association inducted the Hall of Fame recipients during the Association lunch. In prior years, recipients were inducted during the Association business meeting. The Association also published and distributed at the lunch, a biographical brochure featuring the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award Winners, the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Winner and the Hall of Fame inductees.

Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award (Michelle Cosby, subcommittee chair)

The subcommittee received eight nominations. After due deliberation, the subcommittee selected Michael H. Roffer, *The Law Book: From Hammurabi to the International Criminal Court, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*.

During deliberations issues arose regarding publication criteria eligibility. Next year's committee will work on clarifying the criteria of what is a "publication" for this award and submit a recommendation to the Executive Board. Another issue for further discussion by next year's committee is how to consider a nomination that lacks sufficient review copies for all committee members at time of submission.

The committee decided that blog postings and other shorter works are not eligible for the Andrews Award.

There is one final administrative responsibility for the chair to complete. The chair will prepare and submit profiles of each Hall of Fame inductee for inclusion on the AALLNET website. This is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016.

The 2015–2016 Awards Committee reviewed its work at a joint meeting with the 2016–2017 committee at the Annual Meeting in Chicago on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Katie Miller will serve as chair of the 2016–2017 committee and Michelle Cosby will serve as vice-chair.

The chair expresses her deep appreciation to all committee members for their dedication and commitment and to staff liaison Kim Rundle and board liaison Gail Warren for their generous support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline M. Aranas
Chair, 2015-2016 AALL Awards Committee