

A MESSAGE FROM THE AALL PRESIDENT

Hello AALL Members,

It's been a few months since I took on the role of AALL President, and in that time, AALL has been working on several projects and programs. My message will highlight some of these projects.

We have already started planning for the [2023 Annual Meeting & Conference](#). The 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference theme—Map Our Future—ties in with AALL's new [2022-2025 Strategic Plan](#). It is an exciting time for the Association as we embark on the journey of identifying priorities and employing strategies to direct resources toward the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.

I am excited to share that we received 114 program proposals for the [2023 Annual Meeting & Conference](#). Thank you to everyone who submitted a program or workshop proposal. The Annual Meeting Program Committee is in the process of reviewing submitted proposals and will meet in Chicago on December 9 to select programs for AALL 2023. I cannot wait to see what exciting programs were submitted. Accepted programs will be announced in January 2023.

As AALL President, I am excited to share with you that I have appointed three Special Committees to continue to move the Association forward.

- The [Awards Review Special Committee](#) is evaluating the criteria and guidelines for all AALL awards with the goal of fostering diversity, equity, and inclusivity in the award criteria, selection, and review process (see [AALL's DEI policy](#)).
- November 2022 marks the fifth anniversary since the AALL Executive Board approved the [Body of Knowledge](#) (BoK). To ensure the BoK continues to be a relevant professional development guide, the [Body of Knowledge Review Special Committee](#) has been appointed to determine the current and future needs of law librarians and legal information professionals. The committee's work also involves validation of the foundational competencies and skills that are relevant to the profession. On that note, have you completed your [BoK self-assessment](#)?
- The [Pipeline to the Profession Special Committee](#) will focus on identifying the challenges and potential solutions to increasing the pipeline to law librarianship in line with the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The committee's recommendations will assist the Executive Board in determining where resources are needed for the future.

In closing, I would like to offer my thanks to the many volunteers who keep AALL moving forward, and I hope we receive an enthusiastic response to the call for volunteers which will open on November 15 and will close on December 15. The volunteers appointed through this process will begin their terms in July 2023. Your participation as a volunteer makes a significant difference in continuing to move AALL forward.

On behalf of the [AALL Executive Board](#), I reiterate the longstanding invitation to reach out to any member of the board to share your ideas. My contact information is eadelman@buffalo.edu or president@aall.org. It is my honor to serve our 3,500+ membership for a great year ahead.

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