

Appendix Five

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The annual meeting is a significant revenue source for the Association. The no-conflict rule for the exhibit hall is required to assure exhibitors there will be enough traffic through the hall to justify their exhibiting expenses.

Players in the process of soliciting, selecting and scheduling education programs include:

- Professional Development Committee (PDC)
- Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC)
- Members of AALL
- SISs
- Chapters
- Committees
- Executive Board
- HQ Staff
- Vendors
- Entities
- Vice-president

Members have places other than AALL to spend the continuing education resources. Budget constraints keep some members from their attending the annual meeting.

The quality of program proposals and of programs varies widely. However, few negative program evaluations are returned.

Academic libraries send more people to the annual meeting because they generally have more people on staff than other types of libraries.

July is not the best time for law firm librarians to attend the annual meeting because they tend to have smaller staffs than other types of law libraries and because July is the middle of law firm summer clerk programs.

Some members will be disappointed when their proposal is not selected. Regardless of announcements, handbooks, emails, etc. some members will misunderstand the process. AMEPC survey respondents indicated they thought programs must appeal to a wide audience; or that only SISs could submit program proposals. Fortunately, those misperceptions are not widespread.

Scheduling conflicts between educational programs, committee meetings, SIS meetings, etc. happen. Some conflicts are unavoidable.

Programs that routinely happen (and don't require AMPC approval) are:

- Government Relations Committee must give a legislative update (Committee Charge and AALL Board motion June 17, 1989 at 1420-21);
- Hot Topic program (AALL Board motion, April, 1993 page 1787);
- Call for papers program (first held in 1986);
- Diversity Symposium (generally, the 1990-94 Strategic Plan, Goal VI "To Foster Diversity in the Profession by Increasing Minority Membership and Participation" Objective B.1, "Offer education programs for and by minority members");

- Association business meetings (Bylaws Article V);
- Member open forum (first held after the second Business meeting in 1992).

Some events/functions always happen:

- Association luncheon
- Recognition luncheon
- Awards ceremony
- Opening reception
- Closing banquet
- Off the book things
- CONELL
- Leadership workshops

The inventory of rooms, the size and setup options, AV equipment, etc. varies each year.