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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) is off to a good start. We have had two very active business organizational meetings. Committees have been formed and are working on placement, education, and a budget. There is every indication that NOCALL is and will continue to be a success.

The purposes of NOCALL are to meet the educational and other professional needs of all Northern California law librarians and to foster a spirit of cooperation at a local level. The emphasis is on developing an organization that is able to identify and quickly respond to an expressed professional need. The Western Pacific Chapter of AALL, by virtue of its broad geographical boundaries that included many Western states was limited in its ability to quickly meet local needs. NOCALL seeks to serve all Northern California librarians and as part of this service welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with WEST PAC, SCALL and other organizations in order to pool resources when logical and cost effective. We are currently exploring the possibility of joint venturing the SCALL California Law Institute in the future. In addition, we are seeking to cooperate with the WEST PAC in its 1981 Sacramento annual meeting in order to avoid any duplication of local programs on a local level.

I urge you to come to the December 5th meeting at Golden Gate University. This meeting will be the last organizational meeting. At this meeting the membership will consider the revised Constitution and By-laws, annual program plans and other educational programs. Bring your ideas and comments. In addition, Francis Gates, President of AALL will be present to report on and discuss AALL business of interest to us all. AALL is in an exciting period of transition. We have the opportunity not only to develop our own local professional organization, but also to assist in refining AALL to meet our changing professional needs.

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I think we all realize that the law librarian profession is in transition. This transition affects us no matter if we work in a law school, county, private or other law library. The economy of the United States and California, changes in law, the expansion of librarians into new areas of expertise, and many other all factors impact on our jobs and our futures. NOCALL can help improve your current situation by providing a vehicle for support and co-operation with other Northern California law librarians. It can help to increase our expertise and our credibility as useful professionals in a rapidly changing world. We welcome your cooperation in both defining and developing what needs to be done.

Diane Huijgen, President NOCALL

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Fifty-three members have paid their dues so far. To those, our thanks. Dues should be made payable to **Northern** California Association of Law Libraries or NOCALL and sent to Nancy Warnke, Treasurer, U.S. District Court Library, P.O. Box 36060, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The deadline for payment of dues is December 5, 1980. Dues will be accepted at the December 5th meeting. If you have not paid by then, you will be dropped from the Association's mailing list. We need your dues to support the newsletter, meeting announcements, educational programs, etc.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand September 12, 1980.....	\$ 0.00
Members' dues.....	795.00
Total receipts and balance brought forward.....	795.00

# DISBURSEMENTS

December 5th meeting announcements:

Duplicating.....	\$ 12.50
Paper and envelopes.....	11.19
Postage.....	39.90
Total expenditures.....	<u>63.59</u>

Balance on hand November 19, 1980..... 731.41

Total disbursements and balance carried forward..... 795.00

Nancy Warnke, Treasurer

## NOCALL NEWS

### ONLINE 1980

The ONLINE 80 Conference was held on November 12-14 in San Francisco.

The Conference was organized into ten tracks according to interest areas:

- I - General Database Usage
- II - Advanced Database Searching
- III - Medical Databases
- IV - Legal Databases
- V - Non-Bibliographic Database Usage
- VI - Database Creation
- VII - Hardware & Communications
- IX - Management
- X - New Technologies and Trends

The Legal Track offered sessions on:

- Computer-Assisted Legal Research
- The Legal Community and Nonlegal Databases
- In-House and Online
- Online Functions in the University Setting
- Current Status and Future Prospects of Searching Legal Literature
- Online

The overall quality of all sessions of the program was uneven. Often sessions that were advertised as being advanced dealt only with basic information. However, there was a large selection of concurrent programs so one could very easily find useful sessions. The program included exhibits of online systems and hardware. This is an annual program. ONLINE 81 will be held in Dallas, Texas; November 2-4, 1981.

Lynn Lundstrom

### STATE LIBRARY INFO

Gary E. Strong became the eighth California State Librarian in ceremonies held at the California State Library on September 10, 1980. Robert Moore, Assistant Legislative Secretary to Governor Brown was on hand to bring the

Governor's greetings and to introduce Wilson Riles who administered the oath of office, using an 1871 Bible from the California collection.

In his brief remarks, Strong expressed a "firm commitment to library services in the communities of California." He also indicated he will work to develop a strong State Library agency program and supports a healthy, responsive State Library. Strong concluded saying that "In a society today that is torn with economic and social pressures, I think information is a crucial key to citizens being able to make the kinds of decisions they are faced with every day and libraries--public, academic, school, special and the State Library have important roles to play."

Strong has served as Deputy State Librarian and Associate Director for Services for the Washington State Library and Library Director for the Everett (WA) and Lake Oswego (OR) Public Libraries. He also was Reference and Administrative Assistant at the University of Idaho Library, Extension Librarian for the Latah County (ID) Free Library and Head Librarian at the Markley Residence Library at the University of Michigan.

He earned a B.S. (Ed.) degree from the University of Idaho and an A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan.

He presently serves as a member of the American Library Association Legislation Committee and the Board of Directors of the Library Administration and Management Association.

We all at NOCALL welcome Gary Strong as the new State Librarian and wish him many years of success and accomplishment.

David L. Bridgman, Editor

#### LIBRARY DIRECTIONS FOR THE '80s - A MASTER PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES

This is the topic of a draft now being worked on from the State Librarian and members of a panel that represent all phases of the library community. There are seven goals, each with several subgoals, that are proposed in this Master Plan. The seven goals include: AWARENESS; People must be made aware of the library resources and information services available to them. ACCESS; Appropriate access must be provided to library and information services. USERS; The services provided must be appropriate to the unique needs of the individual. SERVICES; The widest variety of library and informational services must be provided. PERSONNEL; Services must be provided by qualified personnel who are representative of the community they serve. SUPPORT; Services and personnel must be supported adequately. COOPERATION; Libraries and other information agencies must work together to accomplish the foregoing goals.



A complete copy of the Draft of the Master Plan can be obtained from the representative of Law Libraries: Pat Piper, U.C. Davis Law School Library, Davis, CA 95616 (916) 752-3322. Mr. Strong would like comments and suggestions for this Master Plan to be in to him by the end of February 1981.

#### AALL NEWS

##### PROPOSED CHANGES IN AALL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

David Thomas recently proposed certain amendments to the AALL Constitution and By-Laws regarding chapters and special interest sections. Francis Gates mailed a copy of these proposals to the chairpersons of all chapters and special interest sections with the suggestion that they be brought to the attention of our members. David's suggestions, as expressed in a letter written in St. Louis on June 25, 1980, is reprinted below. I am sure that both David and Robert Oakley, Chairperson of the AALL Committee on Constitution and By-laws, would welcome your comments. Their addresses are set out at the conclusion of the letter.

Dear Friends:

What I have learned from our annual meetings in St. Louis persuades me that several factors have now brought us to an extremely important juncture in the development of our association. I describe these factors as the following:

The governance relationship between the association and its chapters and special interest sections is to be studied and possibly modified in the next year or so.

The education committee is attempting to develop a comprehensive and systematic philosophy and program for educational efforts of the association, seeking particularly to determine if these educational endeavors and certification should become interrelated.

A thorough revision of the association's constitution and bylaws is nearing its final stages.

In addition to the chapter and special interest section issue referred to above, the constitutional revision effort must respond to suggestions that association membership be more restrictive in order to raise the level of professionalism among the members.

With the rapid growth in association membership and proportionately fewer opportunities to serve in association assignments that are national in scope, the task of the nominating committee to find and put forward the

# PROPOSED CHANGES CONTINUED-

most qualified candidates for association office has become much more difficult.

The creation of the Executive Director position for the association is a development with much potential, although the responsibilities for this office are as yet undefined.

The association finds itself now, as at all times in its history, faced with the challenge of improving the recognition of professional status accorded its members.

In my judgment, these important factors can be brought together in a manner that will go far toward meeting that challenge. What I propose below for consideration may look like the work of a futurist, which I am not, yet I am convinced that these long-range implications must be considered now in order to make the wisest choices in resolving the issues confronting us. The proposal below would indisputably insure professionally qualified. It would insure that the association would play a meaningful, essential role in its members' professional development. I hope that not only can the following be viewed as a vision of the future, but as a program for immediate planning and progress toward that vision.

I propose the following as an integrated approach to the issues we must shortly resolve:

1. Under guidelines adopted by the association, law librarians should be invited to seek certification and recognized specialization. Requirements for these designations should be a combination of education, experience, in-service continuing education and examination. The executive director, in consultation with all interested members and groups, would be responsible for proposing designations, requirements, standards and evaluation instruments and procedures. As general guidance, it would be specified that new members would be simply designated as "members" and would be granted a period of time in which to either certify or move into "associate member" status. Certified members would have full activity and voting privileges. Members with lesser formal education attainments could achieve certification by meeting heavier continuing education and examination requirements. Present members would face less onerous requirements for achieving certification and specialization, but should in most cases probably not be altogether exempt therefrom.

2. The chapters would be the primary instrumentality for administering the certification and specialization programs, both in the educational and evaluation aspects. The special interest sections would remain extant only in those subject areas reflected in the recognized specialties and certification requirements. They would be the resources used by the executive director in refining the educational requirements and programs, and section members in each of the chapters would be the primary resources for providing specialized continuing education within the chapters. Probably the present type-of-library special interest sections would no longer exist. Chapters would also assume association responsibilities for recruitment and placement.

3. Chapters would retain much autonomy, but their creation would be more closely governed by the association officers, and, in order to be recognized as chapters they would have to make commitments to fulfill specified educational, recruitment and placement functions for the association. It would probably be appropriate to require the chapter officers be certified librarians and members of the association. To confer some guidance as a chapter creation, it could, for example, be specified that;

a. a proposed chapter cover an area that includes no less than 5% association members;

b. petitions for any such new chapters contain signatures of at least one-third of the association members in the proposed chapter area;

c. existing chapters affected by such a proposed chapter would include at least 5% of association membership immediately after such a division;

d. a chapter should include the area of a least one state, should have boundaries conforming to state lines and, if it includes interstate metropolitan areas, should include the entire states involved in those areas.

e. the executive board may consider creation or dissolution of chapters on its own initiative or in response to member petitions, but should only take action if it is in the best interest of the chapters involved and of the association as a whole. The action of the executive board could be submitted to the membership for final disposition.

4. The chapter presidents should all serve terms of the same length and season. Each term the group of immediate past presidents should select two of its members to serve a term of the same length on the executive board. The board should further consist of four at-large members (for two staggered terms) and the officers as now constituted.

5. Nominations for officers and at-large board members should be by an anonymous, self-nominating process with primary elections administered by the chapters. In this way, more willing and able candidates will be exposed to the election process and the nominating committee's twin problems of excessive influence and insufficient acquaintance with the membership would be eliminated along with the committee.

6. After the matter of membership certification and specialization are stabilized, the executive director could turn attention to the matter of "certifying" or "rating" law libraries based on criteria of quantity and quality resources and services with respect to the user being served.

If all of this seems drastic, at least the changes could be gradual. Failure to move at least a little in these directions will consign law librarianship to more year of malaise.

Professor David Thomas  
Brigham Young University Law Library  
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In addition to sending comments to the author, Robert Oakley would welcome your comments concerning David's proposal.



Please send comments to:

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Chairperson, AALL Constitution and  
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Pappas Law Library  
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## LAW LIBRARY PROFILE

### Berliner, Cohen & Biagini, San Jose, CA.

Joyce Warshaw is the law librarian for the law firm of Berliner, Cohen & Biagini in San Jose. Joyce is a first for this area, she is the first full-time librarian for a law firm in San Jose. She received her undergraduate degree in linguistics (French and Russian) from Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton, and an M.L.S. from Rutgers University. Her first professional position was at S.U.N.Y. Binghamton where she was a cataloger specializing in Russian language materials. Joyce was next employed by Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York as a cataloger and reference librarian.

In October 1979 Joyce began a part-time position with Hopkins & Carley in San Jose, a law firm of 20 attorneys at that time. They wanted a person to file and keep their materials current. She became aware that the library responsibilities had been divided among several employees: the purchaser routed materials and returned books to publishers, the bookkeeper paid the invoices, and the secretaries often ordered books for each attorney. This caused insufficient control over what was being purchased, and resulted in inadequate record keeping. She was able to centralize these library procedures and begin more complete recording of all orders, subscriptions, and expenditures. In January 1980 she began an additional part-time position with Berliner, Cohen & Biagini, located in the same building as Hopkins and Carley. They were also a firm of 20 attorneys at that time. Their library of 1,000 titles and 4,000 volumes had been maintained first by paralegals and then by a part-time person with some library training. Joyce first began to centralize library procedures and established a more complete record keeping system. She began to research the advantages and the options of cataloging the library. Joyce determined that it would be possible to obtain national standards cataloging at no more expense than a less detailed "in house" system by joining RLIN, the automated shared cataloging network. This was due to the cooperation of the University of Santa Clara Law Library, where it was agreed that they could have access provided to Joyce on their terminal at an hourly rate to her. It was decided to catalog and to join RLIN, and so the cataloging began at the end of May 1980. As each title is cataloged, she creates an accurate circulation card and subscription record. The Library of Congress classification gives each work a permanent shelf order, and the library is in an excellent position for further expansion.

On October 1, 1980 Joyce began as the full-time law librarian with Berliner, Cohen & Biagini. She continues as a library consultant at Hopkins & Carley, where she supervises a library school student. Joyce feels that both firms are sold on professional library services. Goodluck, Joyce and welcome to NOCALL. -David L. Bridgman, editor.



## PLACEMENT NEWS

Any member who wishes to take advantage of the Placement Committee services of NOCALL should contact: Patricia Boyd, Chairperson; NOCALL Placement Committee; Bechtel Co. Law Library; 50 Beale St.-21st Floor; San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 768-7635.

### JOBS LISTED:

Product/Services Director. Requirements: Masters degree in information management. Business education, training in legal research and database usage preferred. Duties: Contract administration (consulting and research contracts), supervise custom research. Salary: \$20,000 - \$24,000 depending on experience. Available: Immediately. Contact: Georgia L. Finnigan, President/CEO; Information Store; 235 Montgomery St., #800; San Francisco, CA 94104.

Documents Librarian. Golden Gate University Law Library. Requirements: J.D., M.L.S. highly desirable, plus substantial law library experience. Duties: To assume primary responsibility for bibliographic control and government documents, with evening reference service. Hours; 12-8PM M-F. Salary: \$1370/mo to start, then \$1453/mo after completion of 6 months successful probation. Contact: Personnel Department; Golden Gate University; 536 Mission St.; San Francisco, CA 94105. (415) 442-7536.

Branch Librarian. U.S. District Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit. Requirements: M.L.S. required with at least 6 years of varied law library experience. Must give highly specialized legal and law library reference service. Should be familiar with technical services in law libraries along with the states in the 9th circuit area. Duties: Responsible to and under the general supervision of the 9th Circuit Law Librarian. Will give general and legal service to the court and court staff along with the supervision of professionals and non-professionals, and be able to locate and borrow materials from other resources. Will supervise branches in Pasadena, Ca.; San Diego, CA.; Phoenix, AZ.; and Tucson, AZ. Salary: Grade JSP-11 \$22,486-\$29,232 or Grade JSP-12 \$26,950 - \$35,032. Contact: Edward Chichura, Librarian; U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit; P.O. Box 5731; San Francisco, CA. 94101. Interviews will be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco, civil service status not required. Standard form 171 govt. publ. is required.

Assistant Law Librarian. Fresno County Law Library. Requirements: M.L.S. and law library experience, with emphasis on cataloging, and knowledge of L.A. County K Class desirable. Typing skills essential. Duties: Fulltime position; half-time cataloging and the other half in circulation and reference. Job is sufficiently varied to provide interest and may be expanded in the future to include some administration. Contact: Dorothy Morris, Librarian; Fresno County Law Library; 1100 Van Ness Ave., Rm.#600; Fresno, CA 93721. (209) 237-2227. Available immediately.

## NOCALL COMMITTEE NEWS

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE MOVES ON

The education committee, chaired by Cosette Sun, Alameda County Law Library, had its business meeting Friday November 21, 1980 at the Alameda County Law Library. The committee discussed the January '81 meeting to be in

## COMMITTEE NEWS CONTINUED-

Sacramento. The topic to be discussed will be on "California Legislative Materials", and we will hopefully have a representative from the Legislative Counsels Office. Possible topics for future workshops and institutes were also discussed.

Cosette has said that the Education Committee has been divided into three special groups of interest. The following is a list of the groups along with the members of each: Group 1 - Law Firm Librarians group; Joanne Block, Sue Dyer, Liza Nicolson, Margaret Shediak, and Joyce Warshaw; Group 2 - Law School Librarians group; Joyce Saltalamachia, Kent Schriefer, and Judith Stanley; Group 3 - Government and Court Librarians group; Joanne Mazza, Ruth Stevenson, and Ginette Polak.

Cosette has announced that there will be a Continuing Education questionnaire passed out at the December 5th meeting in San Francisco, to assist the Education Committee on future topics of interest to the membership. Please attend this meeting if at all possible.

## CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Pacific Reporter, first series. Contact: Harry A. Oberhelman; County Government Center; 209 W. Yosemite Ave.; Madera, CA. 93637. (209) 674-4641 Ext. 338.

CALIFORNIA BRIEFS AVAILABLE: California Supreme Court and Court of Appeals briefs 1874-1971. One of the historic collections of briefs. From 1868 briefs were required by the Supreme Court of California. Santa Clara County Law Library was a depository by statute from 1874. These briefs are arranged by docket number in 8" x 10" boxes. If interested call or write; John W. Heckel, Librarian; Santa Clara County Law Library; 191 North First St.; San Jose, CA. 95113. (408) 299-3567.

## RETIREMENT NEWS

Mary K. Sanders, Chief Librarian for the California Attorney General's four libraries, will be retiring at the end of November 1980. Mary's service includes twenty-seven years with the American Association of Law Libraries, original membership in the Western-Pacific Chapter, a member of many national AALL Committees, and the Executive Board of AALL. Mary became Librarian for the Attorney Generals Office in 1960 and has since built up the collection into one of the best law library systems in the State. A dinner will be held in her honor Thursday December 4, 1980 at Castagnola's Restaurant Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, beginning with cocktails at 5:30P.M. All the membership of NOCALL wishes you luck Mary and a most enjoyable retirement.

## EDITORS' COMMENT

This being the first newsletter of NOCALL I think we are off to a good start, thanks to all the membership that contributed to make this newsletter a reality. I hope to publish this newsletter bi-monthly, to coincide with the meetings of NOCALL. If any interested party wishes to comment or contribute articles please submit them to me at least two weeks before the newsletter goes to print.

Alice McKenzie has suggested that we have a regular column in our newsletter that would list institutes that some of the membership have gone to, with comments. I feel this is a very good idea and should be done. Thankyou, D.L.B.