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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are now past the halfway mark of the 1981-82 year. After one and one-half years in existence, we have 131 members and \$4,353.03 in our treasury. The meeting at CEB, Berkeley, on January 20 was most successful with 70 attending, probably our largest attendance to date. The program included talks by CEB staff on their CLE program, video and cassette tapes, and customer service, plus a delicious deli lunch. Our thanks to Ginette Polak, CEB librarian, for arranging the program and space, and to the Education Committee for the lunch and arrangements. It gave us all a chance to visit, learn and know to whom we should turn to at CEB when in need.

The NOCALL Board has been meeting about once per month to discuss and keep current on pending and future business. We are now considering a continuing publication for NOCALL of which more news later. At our January 15 meeting we discussed The Master Plan for California Libraries and drafted a resolution which was adopted at the CEB meeting on January 20. A statement and the resolution has been sent to Pat Piper, who is on The Master Plan Steering Committee. That statement is reprinted following this column.

The NOCALL Institute will be March 19-20. Mary Hood has arranged an excellent program of interest to most of us, and the Double Tree Inn will be delightful. I look forward to this, our next "happening", and to seeing you there.

Iris J. Wildman
President.

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NOCALL Comments on The Master Plan for California Libraries

The Executive Board of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries thoroughly studied the Master Plan for California Libraries and has these general comments. The Board agreed that the language is mandatory and distinctions have not been made between a public and private library. Much of what is involved at this time in the Master Plan is mostly for public libraries. Private libraries, whether they are law firm libraries, private university, or corporate libraries, would not make public the files that they have, nor would they state all of the files in their libraries as these libraries are not open to the public except under very special circumstances. The use of mandatory language, i.e. "will", becomes an effort in futility since the Plan states at the outset that there is no legal mechanism for enforcement, and that compliance must be on a voluntary basis.

The introduction to the Plan states that alternatives to the Master Plan had been rejected. One of these alternatives was "type of library." But the present plan is much too inclusive and general to operate realistically in the system of libraries today.

Specific objections to the Plan are in such areas as shown on page 3 in key results, stating that all libraries will consult professional public relations/marketing experts... Better terminology would be to say "should." But the question is how many libraries can afford to hire professional public relations/marketing experts in promoting their library and obtaining library funds?

On the same page it states that the State Library and existing professional organizations will formulate a system to publicize grants and the community involvement of local libraries and librarians... We feel that the word "will" should be changed to "can." There is the question of what response the Northern California Association of Law Libraries or any other library organization should make.

Education of the public via brochures is also part of "f" on page 6 concerning dissemination of promotional literature to make citizens aware of the resources available to them. This should also make citizens aware or educate citizens in their manners toward private operations so that they will not demand of private institutions that which is impossible to provide or perform.

On page 8, there is a proposal that continuing education committees of professional library organizations should present 6 programs locally. The questions are, local to whom, and within what period? For a small group such as NOCALL, 6 presentations per year would be too much.

The last paragraph on page 8 states that workbooks, scripts, etc. of such programs will be available to all libraries. This is a massive demand financially to put on library organizations.

At the bottom of page 9, it states that all libraries will complete a collection analysis with the standard form provided. However, libraries with internal private records are not going to disseminate that information nor state the existence of their internal records for knowledge outside their library. Much of the Plan deals with user analysis, budgeting for the functions of the library, all things that private law libraries are, in effect, doing now since we have such a specialized clientele.

For the above reasons and because we feel that public law libraries will be more vitally involved than private law libraries in the Master Plan, the Northern California Association of Law Libraries at its meeting on January 20, 1982 passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the drafters of the Master Plan recognize with greater distinction the differences between public and private libraries, whether they be law libraries or other special libraries serving specific private corporations or groups; that the mandatory language designated by the verb "will" be changed to "should" or "can", whichever is appropriate in the context of the statement; that separate Master Plans for public and private libraries or for types of libraries be reconsidered, rather than the present general plan attempting to incorporate too many diverse components.

Comments refer to the November 1981 draft of the Master Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In addition to the above action taken by the Board, Pat Piper would be interested in receiving individual responses. If you need a copy of the Master Plan, please contact Pat Piper, Representative to the Master Plan Steering Committee, at (916) 752-3326.

Pat Piper
UC Davis Law Library

NOCALL NOMINEES FOR OFFICE 1982-83

The NOCALL Nominating Committee met and selected candidates for the Spring 1982 election. Following is the slate as offered:

Vice-President/President-Elect

Nancy Carol Carter - Golden Gate University Law Library

James Larrabee - UC Law Library, Berkeley

Secretary

Linda Spath - Lillick, McHose and Charles

Linda M. Weir - Hastings College of Law Library

Treasurer

Rolene Bailey - Santa Clara County Law Library

Cella Mitchell - U.S. Attorneys' Library, San Francisco

Those serving on the Nominating Committee were Joan Howland, chairperson, David Bridgman, and Leslie Rosenfeld. Our thanks to the committee for their hard work and excellent results.

According to Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws, "Additional nominations may be made by petition of ten (10) active members in good standing." The petitions should be mailed to Iris Wildman by March 5, 1982, which is 75 days prior to the annual meeting, in accordance with the Bylaws.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 1981-1982

Balance on hand 9/1/81.....\$ 3,683.38

Receipts:

Dues.....\$ 515.00
Meeting 9/16 - Refreshments..... 222.00

Total.....\$ 737.00

Expenditures

Mailing labels.....\$ 16.40
Meeting 9/16 - Catering..... 181.00
Newsletter v.1 #5..... 151.02
Meeting 9/16 - Beverage..... 34.95
Workshop 11/20 - Announcements..... 21.60
Directory -Cover printing..... 151.77
Newsletter v.2 #1..... 128.48
Delegate to WestPac..... 161.82
Workshop 11/20 - Speaker meal & Mileage..... 33.18

Total.....\$ 880.22

Balance on hand 12/1/81.....\$ 3,540.16

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Burrill,
Treasurer

NOCALL CALENDAR, 1982

Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 1982

Institute at Double Tree Inn, Monterey
Friday night reception and Saturday
meeting. (Registration form is
attached at end of Newsletter)

Wednesday, May 19, 1982

Annual Business Meeting at Stanford
University Law School at 4 p.m.
Social hour at the Stanford Faculty
Club, 5:30 or 6 p.m.

CEB LUNCHEON, MEETING & TOUR--WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH

First of all, on behalf of the NOCALL membership, I would like to thank Ginette Polak and Myra Sanders for seeing to it that there was plenty of quality food for all.

The business meeting was rather short. Iris Wildman went over the "Master Plan for California Libraries" and recommended word changes that would be suggested to Pat Piper, our liaison to State Librarian, Gary Strong.

As the CEB meeting began, Ginette Polak introduced the first speaker, Herb Gross, CEB staff attorney. Herb spoke about the many aspects and functions of CEB. He explained that it is a nonprofit organization serving attorneys throughout California. It puts on programs and authors books that help the practising attorney in California. Herb pointed out that many times CEB just barely breaks even on some of the programs, and that it can take anywhere from 18 months up to three years to complete a book manuscript. The next speaker was Pat Hersom, CEB program department manager. Pat is responsible for putting on all those great CEB programs throughout the state. This year, there will be over ninety programs put on, not counting those that are repeated. Pat said that she has a list of over 4,000 attorneys who are available to put on those programs. Amy Peeper, in charge of customer service, was the third speaker. The big news here is that with their new Tandem Computer, CEB should be able to help the CEB customer more efficiently. The maximum operation of the computer won't be realized until the next four to six months, but once full operations proceed the billing process should be better, we will see, won't we? The final speaker was Michael Hofmayer, Tape Department manager. Michael was very enthusiastic about the CEB video programs, and stated that it was very successful. Many law firms are using in-house video equipment for continuing legal education. CEB has a program in which video equipment can be purchased at a discount through California Video Sales, Inc., in Sacramento. If interested please contact Michael at CEB.

Upon adjourning, there was a tour of the five story CEB facility, for those who were able to stay. This was our chance to see, first hand, where the staff authors, and others work, and how much is involved to get out all those CEB products. The CEB library is a very good working library which is very conducive to research for the CEB staff. The highlight of the tour was in the video recording studio, where those who wanted could operate a camera and see how the technical end of putting on a CEB video program works. The tour was very informative and interesting. Again, our thanks to Ginette and all those responsible for such a great meeting.

David L. Bridgman
Associate Editor

PLACEMENT NEWS

Any member who wishes to take advantage of the Placement Committee services of NOCALL should contact: Mary Hays, Chairperson, NOCALL Placement Committee, Cooley, Godward, Castro, Huddleson & Tatum, One Maritime Plaza, 20th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111, (415) 981-5252.

ALL EMPLOYERS LISTING IN THE PLACEMENT COLUMN ARE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

Positions Available:

POSITION: Librarian. Full-time professional position in medium-sized San Francisco law firm, specializing in labor law.

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior law library experience preferred.

DUTIES: Responsible for the administration of the law library, including branch office libraries. Supervises assistants in San Francisco and other offices. Responsibilities include reference, collection development, planning, and budgeting.

SALARY: Open.

AVAILABLE: Immediately.

CONTACT: Glen Richars
Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichy
650 California St.
20th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108
(415) 433-1940

POSITION: Librarian. New full-time position in East Bay law firm of 20-25 attorneys. (Law firm not named)

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior law library experience preferred.

DUTIES: Responsible for the administration of the law library.

SALARY: Negotiable.

CONTACT: Tom Douma
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(415) 989-4338

PLACEMENT NEWS (CONT.)

POSITION: Temporary public services librarian at Lewis & Clark Law School. Temporary position from July 1, 1982 to June 3, 1983.

SALARY: \$18,000 per year.

CONTACT: Peter Nycum
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PRIVATE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO

Court Rule Information

Riverside County Superior Court adopted a new rule on Civil Law and Motion on Nov. 15, 1981. There is no specific rule number. A copy of this rule may be obtained, free of charge, by providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Don Sullivan, County Clerk
Riverside County
4050 Main St.
Riverside, CA 92501

Solano County Superior Court is in the process of revising their rules, however a few new rule changes are currently available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Judge Jensen
Superior Court, Dept. 2
Hall of Justice
600 Union Ave.
Fairfield, CA 94533

Lake County Superior Court's new rules become effective February 1, 1982. They may be obtained, free of charge, by providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

County Clerk
Lake County Superior Court
255 Forbes St.
Lakeport, CA 95453

The amendments to the California Rules of Court which became effective on Jan. 1, 1982 have been printed in various locations:

The Los Angeles Daily Journal,
Jan. 15, 1982, p. 7

Deerings' California Civil Practice
Codes, 1982 edition

Alice McKenzie, Librarian
Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 1982 edition of the Union List of Periodicals and Looseleaf Services, published by the Private Law Library Association of San Francisco, will be available in March. An exact price has not been determined yet, but it will be around \$50. Anyone wishing to reserve a copy should contact Maureen Sirhall before March 1, at Steefel, Levitt, & Weiss, One Embarcadero Center, 28th Floor, San Francisco 94111, (415) 788-0900. Thank you.

Maureen Sirhall
Steefel, Levitt & Weiss

SCALL INSTITUTE

Topics of the speakers were omitted from the SCALL Institute announcements sent to NOCALL members, and are printed here for your information:

Dan Henke will speak on California legislative history from the perspective of how it relates to California legal research in general.

Melody Lembke and Betty Anne McCarthy will present a slide presentation on how to compile a legislative history.

Thomas Stallard's topic is entitled, "A Streetwise view of Legislative History."

The Honorable Bernard S. Jefferson will speak on "Getting the Documentation Admitted and Evidentiary Considerations."

If you have any questions, please call: Jenifer Abramson, UCLA Law Library, (213) 825-6433.

Jenifer Abramson
UCLA Law Library

EDITOR'S COMMENT

SURPRISE! I know you all expected the NOCALL Newsletter to be sent out at the end of February as my February 19th deadline indicated, however, in order to comply with the NOCALL Bylaws, we had to announce the candidates for the Spring 1982 election of NOCALL officers immediately. I hope this premature mailing didn't prevent anyone from expressing their opinions. Thanks to all members who contributed to this Newsletter. If anyone would like to share their news or report on NOCALL activities, please send the information to me: Martha J. Mille, Heafey Law Library, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053; (408) 984-4452. The deadline for inclusion in the next Newsletter will be April 16, 1982. Hope to see you at the Institute in Monterey! M.J.M.

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