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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is the last column I will be writing for the NOCALL Newsletter. It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since I took office. In retrospect there is much to reflect on. We have had several successful meetings, including the workshops and the Institute.

Our Institute was held in Monterey on March 19 and 20. It was attended by 42 members, 5 exhibitors, and our speakers. Of the 42 registered members, 17 were from private law firm libraries, 3 from county and 22 from academic law libraries. The content of the Institute, Developments in International Business and Taxation, was superb, as were the speakers. It was a full day of learning and growth for all of us. Several of our speakers were fascinating as speakers, as well as in content. We had a delightful cocktail party on March 19 and a delicious lunch on the 20th, with a great deal of camaraderie and good spirit. Leah Chanin, AALL Vice-President/President-Elect, was our honored guest at the Institute and speaker at lunch.

Monterey was our second Annual Institute. The first Institute had a registration of 51. At the time the Board considered the registration fee for the second Institute, we decided to retain the same fee as we charged at our first institute in Napa, with the hope that we would have as many, if not more, attending in Monterey. Unfortunately, we had fewer attendees, and it is important to note that again the academic law librarians were in greater attendance than the private firm librarians. The latter group comprises 55% of our membership, and yet for several functions outside of San Francisco, they have not been in very great attendance. Some private law firm librarians feel that the subject matter has not been germane to their firm's practice. However, there is something to be said for personal growth in law librarianship. Not every institute or workshop will be exactly on point for the practice of a particular firm or institution, but who is to say when that firm or institution may be involved in such as international affairs, taxation, negotiation, teaching, or some other legal subject. In today's world, as exhibited by the presentations of several of the Monterey speakers, no one can second guess when current events or opportunities beyond the realm of today's practice will touch our lives personally. As it is incumbent upon attorneys to educate themselves when accepting cases on an unfamiliar subject, so it is incumbent upon librarians to

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recognize their need for education in more than the immediate application of a few areas unique to their institutions or firms.

The 1981 Institute attempted to show procedures alternative to trial and the new courses of study that are directed toward clinical education of law students, showing how law students are trained in other than the Socratic method. The topic of this year's institute on international business and taxation was presented to the membership at an earlier meeting, prior to all arrangements. If it was not germane to many librarians, it would have been desirable for them to have expressed their feelings at that time. To that end, we have attached a questionnaire at the end of this Newsletter in order to ascertain and meet the needs of all or most of our members. In essence, unless the majority of NOCALL members can support the NOCALL functions, we may have to terminate the institute as one of our educational functions. As a result of unforeseen expenses at the time of budgeting and the reduced attendance, we did not meet the expenses of the institute and the general treasury will have to absorb the deficit.

Though not every meeting can be held in San Francisco, thereby forcing the law librarians from other areas of Northern California to constantly commute, the third institute should now be held in San Francisco. It is true that in most Associations there are always a few who do the work for the many, but the purpose of forming NOCALL was to bring to Northern California a membership united in purpose as well as in commitment. It is my hope that the third year will see a strong representation at all of our functions. It is heartening to note that we had a tremendous response for the election, which shows that the interest does exist, and hopefully, will continue to grow in all aspects of the Association.

It has been my pleasure to have served as President of NOCALL in its second year. I will endeavor to continue to participate in its functions and hope that I can be of service to NOCALL members in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Iris J. Wildman

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual and last meeting for the 1981-82 year will be held on May 19th, 4:30 p.m. Stanford University Law School, Room 180. A cocktail party at the Stanford Faculty Club will follow. An announcement will be sent about May 1, so mark your calendar for this event, and we hope to see you all there.

ELECTION RESULTS

The election results were counted by the full Board on April 16. The new officers are:

Vice-President/President Elect

Nancy Carol Carter
Golden Gate University Law Library

Secretary

Linda Weir
Hastings Law Library

Treasurer

Rolene Bailey
Santa Clara County Law Library

It is heartening to note that of 117 ballots mailed to members, we had a return of 102 responses.

I wish to congratulate all of the winners and know they will do a fine job in guiding our Association. I want to thank all of the nominees for running. Knowing the amount of work that the offices entail, I am not sure whom I should congratulate or to whom I should send condolences. However, all of the officers need our help and our participation in the functions of the Association.

Iris J. Wildman
President, NOCALL

QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to ascertain the interests of the NOCALL membership, a questionnaire is presented on the last page of this Newsletter.

Please fill out and return to Iris J. Wildman, Stanford Law Library, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, by May 14th, in order that she can tally the results of the questionnaire and present them to the annual meeting.

Your response, showing your interests and desire to participate, will greatly aid the new Board in planning functions for the coming year.

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: Reference Librarian, Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California 94305.

QUALIFICATIONS: M.L.S. and J.D. degrees. Extensive law library reference experience may be substituted in lieu of J.D. degree. An interest in legal research and familiarity with legal publications is essential. Ability to meet with public and work with a demanding research-minded faculty.

RESPONSIBILITIES: As a member of the Public Service staff, provides reference services to Stanford faculty, students, and other users of the Law Library. Requires use of LEXIS, DIALOG, RLIN, and other on-line services. Participates in bibliographic instruction of Stanford law students. Prepares bibliographies and participates in other Law Library publications. Other Public Service projects as assigned. Assists Law Librarian and Associate Librarian in book selection and in special projects. Some supervision of the Circulation staff. Position requires 3 to 4 nights per week and Saturdays.

CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY: Librarians at Stanford University are members of the Academic Staff and are assigned positions as either Assistant Librarian, Associate Librarian, Librarian, or Senior Librarian. This position may be filled as either Assistant Librarian or Associate Librarian. Salary determined by combination of education and experience. Salary range for Assistant Librarian, between \$17,700 - \$22,000. For Associate Librarian, \$19,800 - \$24,000. Salaries possibly higher after September 1, 1982. Position available September 1, 1982.

CONTACT: Rosalee Long, Associate Law Librarian.

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Court Rule Information

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope when requesting the rules from these courts.

<u>Effective date</u>	<u>Section added</u>	<u>Court & Address</u>
9/1/81	all	The Municipal Crt. of San Diego Judicial District County Courthouse San Diego, CA 92101 (\$.72 postage)
no date	Domestic Law + Motion Guidelines 1982	San Diego Co. Sup. Crt. Clerk's Office Business Division P.O. Box 128 San Diego, CA 92112 (\$.62 postage)
5/1/82	Local settlement conference rules	Office of the Clerk Third Appellate District Library & Court Building 914 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814
3/1/82	Rules 104 & 107	Sonoma Co. Superior Crt. Clerk's Office P.O. Box 1419 Santa Rosa, CA 95403
9/81	Domestic	Ventura Co. Clerk's Office Domestic Section 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93009
3/82	all	Richard C. Neal County Clerk 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
12/1/81	Juvenile Crt.	Superior Crt. Admin. Jury Commissioner Contra Costa Co. P.O. Box 110 Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: Corine Darrow, Superior Crt. Secretary (\$5.00 check payable to the Jury Commissioner)

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Court Rule Information (Cont.)

<u>Effective date</u>	<u>Section added</u>	<u>Court & Address</u>
no date	Rules 5.3, 5.4 (settlement conferences) 17.4 (family law, 54 p.)	Santa Clara So. --order through the Post Record (408-287-4866)
3/82	all	San Joaquin Co. Bar Assoc. Stockton, CA 95202 (\$15.00 prepaid)
12/1/81	Uniform local rules for the 3rd Appellate District (they couldn't wait for the Admin. Offices of the 3rd App. District to publish them)	El Dorado Superior Crt. Clerk's Office 495 Main St. Placerville, CA 95667

Alice McKenzie,
Librarian

NOTICE FROM HEADQUARTERS

Technical Services SIS Workshop in Detroit: The limited enrollment of 60 has been completed. No additional registrations for this special Detroit Annual Convention workshop can be accepted. If there are cancellations, those on the waiting list will be notified by the Chicago AALL Headquarters.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A volunteer speaker is needed for a workshop given by the Government Publications Chapter of the California Library Association. The workshop topic will be California Legislative History. They need a speaker who can cover the types of materials and legislative publications available in California to use for legislative history research. Anyone interested should contact:

Linda Johnson
Government Documents Librarian
at the University of Santa Clara,
Orradre Library
(408) 984-4415

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY NEWS

California Joins Suit to Recover Library Funds - March 10, 1982

State Librarian Gary E. Strong announced today that California will join with six other states in a suit of the federal government for impounding nearly \$20 million in federal aid for libraries.

The suit stems from the administration's decision to impound more than 25% of the funds appropriated by Congress under the Library Services and Construction Act for library programs throughout the country.

"I am distressed that we find it necessary to bring this action against the federal government to release library funds that the Congress has appropriated for us", Strong said. California hopes to gain \$1,905,920 through the suit. The administration initially requested a \$51.8 million appropriation for the LSCA, but Congress increased the amount and the final budget signed by the President contained a \$71.5 million library appropriation. Late last year the administration informed states that only \$51.8 million would be distributed. The administration has attempted to justify its impoundment by submitting a proposal to Congress to rescind \$19.7 million of the appropriation. To date Congress has not approved the proposal, so backers of the suit claim the administration lacks the authority to withhold funds.

Initiated by the State Attorney General of New York, the suit has been joined by the states of California, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio and Oklahoma. It seeks a court order compelling the administration to end its illegal impoundment of library funds and to distribute to the states the full amount appropriated by Congress for this purpose.

Federal Grant Awards Announced by California State Librarian - April 13, 1982

In the coming year, some 3 million Californians will receive direct service benefits from grant awards announced today by California State Librarian Gary E. Strong.

The awards, totaling \$3,169,233, are for projects funded by the federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). The projects will be operated by local public libraries, cooperative library systems, and state institutions. Indirectly, the entire state's population will benefit through LSCA assistance to library operations.

Among the purposes of the LSCA are to improve library service to minority and handicapped citizens and to those with inadequate service by reason of isolation in rural areas, residence in state institutions or other factors, and to demonstrate new and innovative methods of delivering library service.

California State Library Foundation Incorporates - April 15, 1982

The incorporation process is well underway to establish the California State Library Foundation. The foundation is to be an agency which supports programs of the California State Library. This support will include: (1) acquiring materials to enhance the collections of the California State Library, which the State Library would otherwise be unable to obtain, (2) facilitating educational and promotional activities developed by the California State Library staff, and (3) supporting special projects at the request of the California State Librarian. The Articles of Incorporation for this new foundation have been certified by the Secretary of State and tax exempt status recognized by the California State Franchise Tax Board. Application has now been submitted to the federal Internal Revenue Service for tax exempt status.

California State Library Foundation Incorporates - April 15, 1982 (Cont.)

The initial Board of Directors has met and will continue to guide the Foundation as it develops programs and sets a direction for fund-raising and development activities. The various units of the State Library will be able to look to the Foundation for funds and support to build and improve their programs for serving State Library users.

Anyone with ideas or suggestions about how to enlist the awareness and support of our private citizens and users in the programs of the California State Library is encouraged to let the Foundation know of this interest.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I wish to thank all the 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 June 18, 1982.

QUESTIONNAIRE

In an effort to determine support for future NOCALL programs, could you please take a few moments to fill out the following questionnaire and return it by June 1, 1982 to: Iris J. Wildman, Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. Please answer the following questions by rating the responses from 1-6.

1 = First preference 6 = Least desirable

- ## COMMENTS

☐ Workshops
☐ Institutes
☐ Lunch or dinner meeting with speakers
☐ Combination
☐ Other

- Do you prefer:

- ☐ Substantive topics
- ☐ Technical topics
- ☐ Combination
- ☐ Other

Please list subjects of interest to you

- ☐ San Francisco
☐ San Jose/Palo Alto
☐ East Bay (Berkeley or Oakland)
☐ Sacramento
☐ Davis
☐ Other

- A. Workshops
Do you prefer:
☐ Weekday morning
☐ Weekday afternoon
☐ Weekday evening
☐ Weekend

What day of the week do you prefer ?

- ☐ Weekday
☐ Weekend
☐ Combination

What day of the week do you prefer _____ ?

____ Spring (e.g. March)
____ Fall (e.g. November)

- ☐ Weekday luncheon
☐ Weekday late afternoon
☐ Weekday evening dinner
☐ Weekend

What day of the week do you prefer ?

V. A. Would you like the Institute and workshops to be held:
☐ in conjunction with one another
☐ separately

B. Do you prefer the Institute to be:
☐ one day
☐ 2 days
☐ Other

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