PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The sixth year for NOCALL should be a great year. We will have a chance to meet many of the WESTPAC members when we hold the joint NOCALL/WESTPAC meeting in October in San Francisco.

I will be appointing Committee Chairpersons in June and July, so please take time to look at the list of available committees published herein and send in the form. Committee work is very rewarding -- you work with your colleagues, you interpret the needs of your profession, and you feel personally enriched and challenged.

In addition to the committees, David Bridgman, the Vice-President/President Elect, will form a committee to plan the 1986 NOCALL Institute which is usually held in March. Be sure to contact him if you are interested in working on the Institute.

I am looking forward to being President this year and I hope to continue the outstanding leadership that preceded me. Please contact me by phone or in writing about the needs of NOCALL. Now that five years have past, I believe we should analyze our goals for the future.
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The deadline for submission of material to be included in the July/August 1985 Newsletter, is July 22, 1985.
NOCALL NEWSLETTER POLL

The one major development for the Newsletter in the 1984/85 year was the introduction of bulk mailing. This change has definitely had a positive and negative impact.

To mail our newsletter first class costs approximately $120.00. Bulk mailing costs about $12.00 -- an obvious plus. But the problem with bulk mailing is that delivery dates are totally unpredictable. The Editors have heard horror stories of the Newsletter not reaching Berkeley until three weeks after it was dropped off at the Post Office.

To determine whether it is practical to continue to mail the Newsletter bulk rate, I am requesting that you fill out the following short form.

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I was ecstatic to open my mailbox today, June ____, 198 ___, and find my NOCALL Newsletter had finally arrived at my address of ________________________________________.

But I'm wondering, is it possible this bi-monthly joy could come even earlier? Please accept my eager response to this most heated of burning questions.

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COMMITTEE CALL TO ACTION

In an effort to have more members participate in NOCALL's committees a brief description of each committee and a response form are set out below. One of the most difficult duties of a new President is the appointment of committee members. Your completed response forms will give the new President a broad pool of individuals to draw upon in making committee selections. What follows is not necessarily the final word on the committees but an attempt to inform NOCALL members of the current responsibilities of the committees.

1. Archives Committee

This would be a new committee this year. Golden Gate University Law School Library will keep the archives but a retention policy needs to be developed for the "collection."

2. Audit and Budget Committee

This committee conducts a financial review of NOCALL's records once a year and proposes a budget for the next year. This proposed budget, once adopted by the Board, is the working budget-planning guide for the year.

3. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

This committee is responsible for the revision or the amendment of NOCALL's constitution. The requests for change are given by the President to the Chair.

4. Education Committee

The Education Committee arranges programs to promote the personal and professional development of law librarians. The workshops are usually held in Oct./Nov. The committee must contact speakers, reserve rooms, take reservations and sometimes compile bibliographies.

5. Grants Committee

This committee administers NOCALL's Grants program. It takes budget requests to the Executive Board. Upon allocation of a budget, the committee notifies the membership of availability of grants and issues application forms. When applications are received the committee determines if the applicant meets NOCALL's guidelines. Any amendments to the grant form are recommended to the Executive Board.
6. Membership Committee

Requests for information on membership procedure are answered in writing with a membership form and related professional brochures attached. The committee promotes public interest in NOCALL by visiting local library schools and appearing at local professional meetings.

7. Newsletter Committee

This committee is responsible for producing the NOCALL Newsletter. Individual committee members work as columnists, feature article coordinators and writers. Six issues of the newsletter are produced each year.

8. Nominations Committee

The members of this committee normally represent the various types of libraries in NOCALL. This committee must nominate at least 2 candidates for all elective positions. The list of nominations must be submitted to the membership by mail at least one hundred (100) days prior to the annual business meeting which is held in May.

9. Placement Committee

This committee has the responsibility of serving the needs of the legal community, acting as a clearinghouse to law librarians by bringing employers and prospective employees together. New job vacancies are published in the NOCALL Newsletter. The committee sends resumes and introductory letters to potential employers.

10. Public Access To Legal Information Committee

The committee's purpose is to assist public and county law librarians by compiling bibliographies, holding training sessions and evaluating libraries' legal collections.

11. Union List Committee

This committee collects holdings from the NOCALL membership, works with the vendor, proofreads the vendor's product, markets the product, invoices and keeps records of shipping and receipt of payments.
COMMITTEE REQUEST FORM

Please take the time to help NOCALL!! List your name next to the committee(s) that you'd like to work on. Return this form or call:

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NYC CONVENTION GRANTS AWARDED

Arturo Flores (UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall) and Janice Kelly (Hastings College of the Law) were chosen to receive grants to attend the American Association of Law Libraries convention in New York City this July. The recipients were awarded checks in the amount of $500 at the NOCALL business meeting on May 23rd.

Janice Kelly holds the position of Reference Librarian at Hastings, and formerly was the librarian at Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichy. She prepared the bibliography for the 1985 NOCALL Labor Law Institute, and since 1983 has served as editor of the NOCALL Newsletter.

Arturo Flores has been a reference librarian at Boalt Hall since 1982. He has published an article on Shepard’s Citations in the Legal Reference Services Quarterly (vol.4, no.1), and his article on prison libraries will appear in a forthcoming issue of Law Library Journal. He is a member of the AALL Contemporary Social Problems SIS.

The Committee is certain these two able librarians will benefit for attendance at the convention, and that this investment in their continuing education will pay dividends to the Association in the years to come.

NOCALL UNION LIST

The first edition of the NOCALL Union List will be available soon. The price currently is estimated to be about $50 per copy. The exact price cannot be calculated until we have an idea of how many copies to run and until we have received the final bill from CLASS.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy when it’s available, please complete the form below:

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And CONGRATULATIONS to you, Membership Committee! That's quite an impressive list of new members -- the fruits of your labor.

WESTLAW TRAINING CENTER

Westlaw Services, Inc. has just opened a training center in downtown San Francisco at 120 Montgomery Street, Suite 695. The number to call for training registration is (415) 434-2404.

LIBRARY IBM-PC USERS GROUP

The first meeting of the Library IBM-PC Users Group was held at SRI International in Menlo Park on May 16th. Future meetings will be held bimonthly and will take place at members' libraries all over the Bay Area. If you are interested in attending future meetings, contact Ann Benson at 415-859-5506.

IBM P.C. USERS GROUP, TOO

Paul Lomio of the Public Services Department at Stanford Law Library is interested in forming a NOCALL IBM P.C. users group to learn about and explore uses of an IBM P.C. in a law library. This would be a users group starting at a basic level. Anyone interested should call Paul and he will try to start up a meeting.

Meanwhile, if your library already has an IBM Paul would like very much to have you complete the form following on the next page to get an idea of what your interests are.

Paul Lomio can be reached at 415-497-2477 if you have any questions or comments.
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Articles

Berring, Robert C., "How to be a Great Reference Librarian." 4 Legal Reference Services Quarterly no. 1, p. 17 (Spring 1984).


Reference Works


Newsletters

The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management, 1984- OPL Resources, LTD. P.O. Box 948, Murray Hill Station, N.Y. N.Y. 10156.

Small Computers in Libraries. Meckler, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, Conn. 06880
Technical Services Law Librarian (TSLL), American Association of Law Libraries

Bibliographies


Canadian Bibliography of International Law, edited by Christian L. Wiktor (Downsview, Ontario, University of Toronto Press, 1984).


ITEMS FROM CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Copies of the following bibliographies are available from Laura Peritore:

"Information Brokers and Document Delivery Services" by Kay Todd, 4 Atlanta Law Libraries Association no. 4, pp. 2-5 (March 1985). Addresses the question: Why do the problems in dealing with information brokers and document delivery services occur frequently and who is to blame?

"Telecommunications Research" by Sheryl Segal. 28 Law Library Lights no. 5, pp. 4-5 (May 1985).

"Use of Laser Disk Technology" 10 Southwestern Law Librarian no. 3 (Spring 1985). The George Mason University Law Library experience in switching from hard disc to compact laser disc.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Marian Sawyer reports the office of the Attorney General Law library is back into full operation after sustaining smoke damage on January 18, 1985. The fire originated in a deputy attorney general's office on the same floor as the library. The entire library collection was sent out for cleaning.

Barbara Elbright, Board of Equalization Librarian, has left her position to work as tax counsel for the Board. Sharon Akey is the new librarian. Sharon comes from Los Angeles where she worked as a senior librarian for the Department of Corporations.

Sheryll Tomson joined the Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer firm in Sacramento, as firm librarian. Sheryll previously worked at the library in the New Orleans firm of Chasse, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy.

Suzanne Miller joined the staff of the McGeorge School of Law Library as assistant librarian for technical services. Suzanne comes to Sacramento from the University of LaVerne, College of Law Library.

Shirley David, Sacramento County Law Librarian received the Liberty Bell Award at the Sacramento County Bar Association Law Day Dinner May 1st. The award is presented annually by the Barrister's Club to a non-lawyer who has made significant contributions towards the better understanding of the law and effective functioning of our institutions of government.

The University of California, Davis Law Library celebrated its 20th anniversary with a faculty club luncheon. The theme was "Past, Present, and Future" and it was expounded upon by Mort Schwartz, the former law school dean, Dick Blanchard, the former Shields Library director, and a representative from the University of California, Division of Library Automation. Celebrants were presented with a commemorative coffee cup.

University of California, Davis Law Library staffers, Sasha Younakov, Marjorie Jones and Mort Schwartz conducted a two day seminar on book selection for the Alaska Court libraries on May 20-21, 1985. This offering is part of an on-going consulting relationship maintained between the Alaska and Davis law libraries. Previous visitations produced an overall evaluation of the Alaska Court libraries system, written by Mort Schwartz and a later study of the technical processes with special emphasis on serials, written by Pat Piper and Ann Preston.

University of California, Davis Law Library staff have also been busy publishing articles and books. Cecilia Kwan wrote a short summary of reactions to optical disc technology in Publications Clearinghouse Bulletin, February 1985 issue.
The second edition of Al Lewis' Using American Law Books is now available. It is published by Kendall/Hunt and includes a problems supplement.


Lorraine Rodich, of the Sixth Appellate District Court Library, reports that they have moved into their new quarters one floor below. The library and judges' chambers are now on the 11th floor and the courtrooms are on the 10th floor.

Stanford has two new electronic mail accounts: BITNET #RG.IJW and MCI Mail #236-4539. For more information, contact Paul Lomio.

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CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY RETROCONVERSION PROJECT

The California State Library is presently involved in the planning process for automating its basic records -- catalog, circulation, serials and acquisitions -- with detailed work currently being done for the retroconversion of the Law Library catalog. (The Law Library cataloging has been done on RLIN since 1978.) If your Library has recent experience with a retro project, or is currently involved in planning for such a project, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact: Chizuko Kawamoto, Catalog-Reference Librarian, Law Library, California State Library, P.O. Box 2037, Sacramento, CA 95809; phone (916) 324-4869.
AALL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Committee on Foreign, Comparative and International Law has planned a program on the International Court of Justice, and international arbitral tribunals during the New York Annual Convention. The various publications produced as a result of proceedings before the ICJ are sometimes difficult to collect and control, yet the literature and the source materials are particularly important to international lawyers and others, including law students, preparing cases for resolution in the ICJ or otherwise addressing questions relating to international law.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1985, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the New York Hilton Hotel, two expert international law librarians, will talk about materials issued by the ICJ and literature related to the ICJ, PCIJ, United Nationals, and League of Nations to be found in the U.N. Law Library and the Library of Congress Law Library. Two international lawyers from the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, who have either appeared before the International Court of Justice in The Hague or were intimately involved in the preparation of proceedings before the ICJ, and who are particularly knowledgeable in international arbitration matters will explain the work of the Office which furnishes legal advice on all legal problems, international and domestic, arising in the course of the State Department's work. They will talk about their library resource needs. Specific responsibilities of the Office involve the drafting, negotiation, and interpretation of international agreements, and the attorneys represent or assist in representing the United States in meetings of numerous international organizations and participate in international negotiation. There will be a discussion of the unique questions of public international law arising in the conduct of foreign affairs and the library research required. Often the speed at which events move is such that their opinions may be required in a matter of hours or less. These attorneys will give an overview of their experiences in work related to the ICJ, and will take questions. The final speaker is to be the well-known international legal authority, author, and retired diplomat, Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne from Israel. This advocate has made a tremendous contribution through his numerous writings on the ICJ and the Permanent Court of International Justice, on the United Nations and the League of Nations. We are fortunate to have him on the panel. Panelists will discuss library research needs from a user's point of view. Bring your questions as they will be glad to engage in a dialogue.

The Committee on Foreign, Comparative and International Law is now converting to a Special Interest Section. As stated in the bylaws, the object of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Section shall be to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on international, foreign, and comparative law; and to represent its members' interests and concerns within the AALL. The first meeting is to be an organizational one, and it will be held immediately following the program on Tuesday, July 9, at 5 p.m. in the same room. At this time the Section will be started, and the usual SIS dues will apply. There
will be a note in the membership renewal notices. You are invited to attend the program and the meeting, and if you would like a copy of the bylaws, or more information please contact:

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AALL Foreign, Comparative & International Law Committee
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NEXIS NEWS

Here's good news for those of you have experienced increasing frustration in searching NEXIS because it has grown so large -- and bad news for those of you who are increasingly frustrated by the growth in LEXIS charges.

It is now possible to search subject groups which contain publica-
tions dealing primarily with particular subject areas. Initially the areas
covered will be Business, Finance, Government and General News.
Searching a subject group costs $16.00 per search.

The ALL file has been redefined to help manage the tremendous
growth of NEXIS. This file now contains all Magazines, Newspapers,
Newsletters and Wire Services except UPI state and regional wire stories
dated before January 1, 1985, and costs $19.00 per search. UPI stories
dated after January 1, 1985 will be in the new individual file UPST85.
Those stories dated prior to January 1, 1985, will remain in UPSTAT.
This and all single file searches now cost $7.00.

The old ALL file, the entire NEXIS library, has a new name, OMNI,
and a new price tag, $21.00.

Another significant change is that you can now combine for a single
search as many of the NEXIS files that you want. Simply type their file
names (each one separated by a comma) and TRANSMIT. The cost is
$17.00 per search for as many files as you want so long as the number
does not equal or exceed those in the ALL or OMNI files.

Even though the cost for searching an individual file has been
reduced to $7.00, the cost for the most common searches (using all files)
has increased. The old price for searching the entire NEXIS library,
the old ALL file, was $18.00 per search. Now, to search what is a
smaller ALL file costs $19.00. The price for searching the entire NEXIS
library, OMNI, has increased $3.00 per search.
PLACEMENT

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