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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I was very pleased to see so many NOCALL members at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. this last July 6-9. It was certainly the biggest convention, and one of the best in recent years. The programs were well balanced for all types of law librarians, with lots of useful information. The closing banquet, with Master of Ceremonies Father Guido Sarducci, "Law Librarian to the Vatican", was alone worth the price of admission. This was a truly eventful annual meeting!

I would like to mention that there still are openings on some of the NOCALL committees, so please contact the committee chair of your choice and get involved on the committee of your preference.

Please plan to attend the first NOCALL business meeting at Stanford Law School, Friday September 26, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. A reception at the Faculty Club will follow the meeting. I hope to see all of you there!

Dave

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEAR NOCALL READERS:

Our firm is interested in purchasing Litigation software that is user friendly, yet has the capacity of sorting by a number of different fields, and can be adapted to fit our growing needs.

Our Word Processing Department currently prints up Full-Text Documents, so the database would be used as a way of maintaining various subject areas, client names and numbers, attorneys whom drafted documents, etc.

Since an electronic Retrieval System can be quite complex and costly, our intention is to determine if other firms our size are using software which they feel, through their evaluations, may fit our needs, as well.

Our firm consists of 30 attorneys. We would be using IBM PC's with expanded memory boards and dual disk drives, rather than a hard-disk drive. Keeping these factors in mind, what would you suggest?

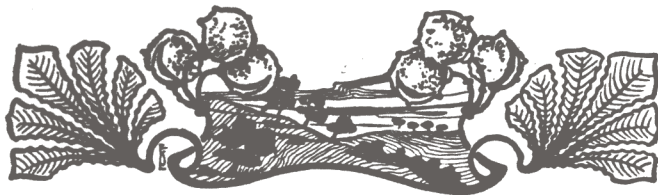
Please send your responses to Thomas, Snell, et al.
P.O. Box 1461
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The NOCALL Fall Institute will be held Friday, November 14, 1986 at the Embassy Suite in Napa, California from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The tentative topics for workshops are the following:

Branch Libraries
Billing for Librarians' Time and Service
Current Political Issues
AIDS in the Workplace

More information will be sent to members in early October, or contact Lorraine Rodich at (408) 277-9788.

The office of the Federal Register has a historical library of its publications and will provide limited research assistance. The librarian is Elizabeth Walsh, (202) 523-4986. For reference and research on their current publications call the Finding Aids staff at (202) 523-5227.



An Ad Hoc Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States will conduct an official review of the Federal Rules of Evidence. This is the first review since the adoption of the rules in 1975.

U.S. District Judge Frederick B. Lacey (D.N.J.) will chair the Committee, and Professor Stephen A. Saltzburg of the University of Virginia will be the Reporter. No major revisions are anticipated.

Contact: James E. Macklin, Jr., Executive Assistant Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544. (Source: SWALL BULLETIN, vol. 17, no. 3, May 1986)

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Deerings California Code (not all titles. Good for a university that may want to fill in a set. Call Joan Loftus at 399-3043.

Compaq Computer; 364-K memory. \$1500. Contact Ann DiLoretto at (415) 326-7370.

Long's Law of Liability Insurance. 40 vols. MBender. Complete and up-to-date. No offer is too small to be considered. Mike Ivold at (209) 754-4433.



AALL GRANT REPORTS

GINNY IRVING

This year's AALL Convention was my first. I was able to go thanks to NOCALL's generous award of a grant to me. Everyone told me that I would come back really excited, but on my way there I wasn't sure how this was going to happen. I was nervous about not knowing anyone and worried I'd have to order meals through room service because I didn't want to eat by myself in public!

After arriving at the Sheraton Hotel in a lovely area of northwest Washington, everything becomes a blur of activity in my mind. From Conell to the closing banquet, it seems like I had to keep making choices between wonderful things to do. Some of the highlights for me were Congressman Owen's spirited speech at the opening luncheon urging us as a profession to guard the public's access to governmental and private information, the workshop on taxation sources and their uses, the presentation of papers by newer law librarians, the Academic SIS reception at Georgetown Law School, and visiting the Viet Nam War Memorial. But there were three really outstanding things for me. First, I never had to eat a meal in my hotel room. Second, I took a trip behind the scenes to see the Library of Congress' Optical Disk Pilot Program (I'd been curious to see what a "jukebox" for optical disks looks like, but what really amazed me was seeing the electronic reproduction of George Washington's portrait and signature on a computer terminal). And third, I laughed so hard I was crying, listening to Father Guido Sarducci's account of librarianship at the Vatican, which finally degenerated into the missing ten commandments (Do not feed your dog chicken bones!).

So I really did come back excited about being a law librarian. Maybe some of this initial enthusiasm wears off as the years go by, and one convention is just like the next. But you can't help being impressed by the statistic that of 3900 members of AALL, 1800 were in Washington this year at the convention -- that's over 45% of us! I was glad I was there too, and I really encourage anyone who hasn't gone to go next year to Chicago. And thanks for sending me!

PEG LAFRANCE

The heat, haze, and humidity forcefully reminded me why I do not miss Washington. The low-rise skyline and East Coast trees reminded me why I do. I find it helpful at a convention to have specific things you want to accomplish. I went to the exhibits to collect catalogs from publishers and to look at inexpensive automation possibilities for my library. The attorneys in my office are all federal court litigators; therefore, the programs on presidential documents, tax, and legislative histories were terrific. Although my library is a federal government library, it has many traits of a private law library so I found the Private Law Library SIS meeting interesting. I attended the meetings for Placement and Chapter Public Relations and worked in the Placement Office. At the Academic SIS reception at Georgetown Law Library, I attended a mini-reunion of law librarians who are University of Toledo College of Law graduates. The "We Are Our Own Best Resources" meeting was a great success. I only wish I could have gotten to more than one session. I talked with friends and visited some old favorite places including the church where I was married and the cafe where I have eaten too many brioches! I want to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone in NOCALL for making the trip possible for me.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Routing Survey, Spring 1986

By Bev Lipton

We received 21 responses to our routing survey, in which we asked what a library routed, how routing lists are updated, who updates lists and what is used as a routing slip. The levels of sophistication ranged from library software programs on inhouse PC's and the use of outside vendors specializing in routing to the tried and true, manual updating. This usually involves typing masters, copying the slips, or just writing the initials on the publication itself and not bothering with slips at all. One interesting response was the use of a rubber stamp with all attorneys on the stamp because all attorneys received all the publications!

The outside service noted by 3 firms, ranging in size from 30-55 attorneys, was Library Computer Services, Inc., P.O. Box 11, Roslyn Heights, New York, 11577, (516) 484-1317. The comments from these 3 firms were positive in quality, accuracy and turn-around time.

The use of in-house word processing departments for production and updating of routing slips was the most common system, but not necessarily the most reliable or accurate. The lists are updated and checked by library staff with the word processing staff creating the master. Turn-around time and control of product seemed to be the problem areas. Where communication and understanding, i.e., a good relationship between departments existed, few problems occurred.

One firm has developed a routing slip program using Lotus 1-2-3 which allows for production of the individual slips and most importantly, global deletion and addition of attorneys and titles to the database. Information concerning this system can be obtained

from: Ms. Kimberly Peck, 26051 LaLoma Dr., Los Altos Hills, CA., 941-2816, or by contacting Carolyn Billheimer of Cooley, Godward, et al of Palo Alto. Other software packages are available for libraries, two are InMagic and Dataroute. A review of Dataroute is available in "Legal Information Alert," October, 1985.

Manual routing methods reported in our survey were; Library staff manually updating the masters, typing masters, copying routing slips, cutting them into usable size and then storing them in various ways. Storing methods listed were: boxes with the slips stored in individual envelopes, with the name of the publication typed/written on the envelope; use of catalog drawers; 8-slot slide-holder for use with a 3-hole binder (this method used by BP&H); use of perforated 8-1/2" x 14" paper, special ordered, to make cutting obsolete; just writing the initials on the title.

Generally, each librarian who responded to the survey had the same goal: to keep the procedures and methods for routing very simple and within the library, if possible, for quality control of the master. The use of personal computers or outside services will help make routing a lot less time-consuming and more cost and time efficient.

The actual comments and results of the survey are available for your further information. Please contact Bev Lipton (424-0160) or Alice McKenzie (442-0900).

FROM SAN FRANCISCO...

Nancy Lewis is the chairperson of the new NOCALL Consulting Committee. Please call her at 981-5252 if you would like to be included in the list of Law Library Consultants which the committee is compiling.

Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe has relocated its office to 333 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94104-2878, (415) 772-6000. You may call Gary Cann or Loretta Mak in the library directly at 772-6103.

FROM THE PENINSULA...

Please note the following new phone numbers for the Stanford Law Library:

Circulation	(415) 723-2477
Reference	(415) 725-0800, 725-0801
Interlibrary Loan	(415) 723-1933

For a list of program tapes from the 1986 SLA annual meeting, contact Ann DiLoreto at (415) 326-7370.

1985/86 ANNUAL REPORTS

NOCALL AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Audit and Budget Committee met three times this year. The first meeting was held to review the financial records, journals, bank statements, and treasurer's reports for 1984-85. We found all documents to be in order, and confirmed the beginning balance as of June 1, 1985 to be \$4,164.20.

The second and third meetings were held to prepare the budget projections for NOCALL's 1986-87 activities. Income from dues and interest were estimated to be \$3,750. Since expenses for printing and postage remain high, and we estimate \$1,700 will be awarded in grants next year, the budget shows an operating loss of \$1,710. However, since we have a bank balance of approximately \$5,570, and the income generated from the 1985/86 institute and workshop was about \$2,200, there is no cause for concern. Profits from 1983/84 and 1984/85 institutes and workshops totaled about \$700 and \$1,900 respectively. Assuming this trend continues, NOCALL will continue to be in sound financial condition in 1986-87.

- Marilyn Josi

Proposed Budget
1986-87

Income:

Dues - 225 at \$15	\$3,375		
15 at \$5	75		
			\$3,450
Interest income			300
			\$3,750

Expenses:

Newsletter (6 issues)			
Printing			
(\$330/issue)	2,000		
Postage			
(first class)	600	2,600	
Directory			
Printing	650		
Postage	50		700
Membership renewals	60	60	
Election			
Ballots printing/			
Postage	275	275	
Grants			
1 at \$375	375		
2 at \$650	1,300		1,675
Bulk Mail			
Permit Fee	50	50	
Miscellaneous			
stationary,			
envelopes,			
labels, etc.	100	100	\$5,460

Net Operating Loss (\$1,710)

NOCALL ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Members of the 1985-86 NOCALL Archives Committee were Jo Caporaso, chair, and Michael Jones. The committee's two primary goals were to locate a library to serve as a host for the archives and to establish a retention schedule or procedures manual for the chapter's records. I am pleased to report that both of these objectives were accomplished this year.

Stanford University Law Library responded to my request for a library to serve as host for NOCALL's archives and this site was approved by the Executive Board at the January 7 meeting. Both Stanford University and NOCALL have signed a three year agreement regarding the storage of the chapter's archives. The Executive Board has appointed Iris Wildman as NOCALL Archivist.

The committee surveyed the six AALL chapters which have or are planning chapter archives, obtained inventory lists of all NOCALL's files, and appraised these records for retention. The draft of the proposal for a NOCALL archives, including a Retention Policy and sample agreement between Stanford University and NOCALL regarding chapter archives was submitted to the Board on March 20 for approval. A number of changes recommended by the Board were incorporated into the draft and approved.

In response to my request for old committee files for the archives, I received one file which contains records on the early days of our chapter. In addition I discarded all but two copies of extra issues of newsletters after announcing their availability in the newsletter. I have also supplied the AALL archives with missing issues of the NOCALL newsletter.

I especially wish to thank Michael Jones for his dedication to this committee. His many hours of work and positive attitude toward our goals contributed a great deal to the success of this project. I would also like to thank the Executive Board for offering some excellent suggestions.

- Jo Caporaso

NOCALL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

There were four amendments to the NOCALL Constitution and Bylaws, passed at the May 23, 1985 NOCALL business meeting. The 1985 amended documents were reviewed by the AALL Constitution and Bylaws Committee, who found no conflicts with AALL documents, and reported this finding in March 1986.

The committee had no charge for the year and no continuing business, therefore, no committee members were appointed. As a committee chair, I had an easy year.

- Lynn E. Lundstrom



G. Weiland

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee members for 1985-86 included Alice McKenzie, Maureen Sirhall, Ellen Gilmore, Linda Weir, Michelle Sullivan, and Virginia Kelsh, Chair.

The Committee planned the program for the WESTPAC/NOCALL Joint Meeting held in San Francisco, October 17 - 19, 1985. The over-all theme of the meeting was Microcomputers and Law Library Administrative Applications. Educational programs included: "Computer Literacy for Librarians: Defining Microcomputer Technology"; "Introduction to the Microcomputer: A Hands-on Session"; "Selection and Evaluation of Software for Library Administrative Applications"; "Microcomputer Hardware Selection/Library Software Application"; and concurrent panels for firm and academic/court law libraries on "Specific Computer Applications."

Michelle Sullivan compiled a selective, annotated bibliography entitled "Microcomputers and Law Library Administrative Applications," which was provided to registrants, along with the speakers' handouts.

There were 176 registrants and 24 exhibitors for the Joint Meeting. The Education Committee's work was greatly facilitated by the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Scott Pagel, who offered superb support and assistance throughout the planning and running of this program.

- Virginia Kelsh



NOCALL GRANTS COMMITTEE

1985-86 was the second year of the NOCALL Grants Committee. The committee consisted of Chair, Shirley David, Marian Sawyer, Nancy Lewis, and Arturo Flores.

Because committee members were from both the Sacramento and Bay Area, much of the work was conducted by telephone and through the mail. The committee followed the guidelines for awarding grants developed by the 1984-85 committee.

The Executive Board voted to give grants totaling up to \$400 for the NOCALL's Fall 1985 joint workshop with WestPac. The amount of each grant was left to the discretion of the grants committee. Grant applications were sent with the registration packets. Six applications were received. One was disqualified because it was not addressed as instructed causing a delay in receiving it.

Fall grants were given to Mary Ann Parker (State Public Defender) \$125, Sheryll I. Tomson (Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer) \$125, Laura Peritore (University of California, Hastings Law Library) \$75, and Carolyn S. Billheimer (Cooley, Godward, Castro, Huddleson and Tatum) \$50.

The Executive Board voted to give up to six \$50 grants for the Spring Institute. The applications were sent out with the institute registration packets and announced in the January/February issue of the NOCALL newsletter. There were no applicants for those grants

The Executive Board voted to give two \$650 grants to the AALL Conference in Washington, D.C. The grants announcement and application form was printed in the January/February issue of the NOCALL newsletter. Eight applications were received. Grants were awarded to Margaret R. LaFrance (U.S. Attorneys' Office) and Ginny Irving (University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall Law Library).

For the AALL Conference grants deliberation, the committee met at the Nut Tree near Vacaville. At the end of the deliberation the committee reviewed the application process and submits the following suggestions to the Executive Board.

1. Add a question on the AALL grant application asking whether applicant has applied for an AALL grant.
2. Add a question on the AALL grant application on whether applicant has attended any AALL Conferences and if so, which ones.
3. Change the question "What is your career goal?" to "Discuss your goals and how you plan to reach them."
4. We feel the hardest questions to answer and evaluate are those concerning financial need. We did not, however, come up with an alternative question.
5. Acceptance of smaller grants for NOCALL workshops & institutes should not weigh heavily against AALL grant applicants.
6. For continuity, the president should appoint at least one of the previous year's grant committee members to the next year's committee.

To the 1986-87 grants committee we suggest:

1. They continue the list we have started of all NOCALL grants awarded and pass it along to each successive committee.
2. They try to meet in person for deliberations, when there are more applicants than awards to be given.

The 1985-86 grants committee is proud of the caliber of our applicants which made our work challenging and of our executive board for supporting the continuing education of our membership by committing a share of our annual budget to grants. Some grants were not awarded for lack of applicants. So we urge members to apply for the smaller grants as well as the AALL Conference grants.

- Shirley H. David

NOCALL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee has successfully met its goals for this year. The activities of the Committee were:

1. Coordinated distribution of NOCALL membership information brochures to non-law librarians attending the California Library Association Conference in Oakland in November, 1985. The Membership Committee worked with NOCALL's PALI Committee, which was conducting a legal research seminar for the CLA.
2. Presented a career awareness program at U.C. Berkeley's School of Library and Information Science on February 12, 1986. Joan Howland, Donna Martinez, Alice McKenzie, John Sigel and Nancy Carter spoke about their law library specialties and the career steps leading to their present positions. We discussed the value of professional organizations, informal networking and invited the students to join NOCALL.
3. Conducted a Special Libraries class at San Jose State University School of Library Science, discussing various types of law libraries and their management, funding, staffing, clientele, collections and facilities. NOCALL brochures and placement handouts were distributed to over thirty students.

4. Mailed invitations to join NOCALL and a NOCALL brochure to thirty-eight Northern California county law libraries not presently represented in the membership.

In addition to setting and meeting these four major goals, the Committee has carried on the work of providing NOCALL information upon request and formally welcoming new members to the organization. As of April 15, 1986, thirty-seven new NOCALL members have been welcomed to the organization.

Although the Committee offered its services in coordinating internships by library science students, there were only two inquiries throughout the year regarding internships. There is a limited role for the Membership Committee in this area, because few generalizations can be made about the academic requirements and financial arrangements for student internships. It is likely that each case will be different for both the hiring library and the intern.

Next year's Committee may, however, wish to follow the progress of San Jose State University School of Library Science in its plan to create a special program to train law librarians. There might be some opportunities to structure internships in cooperation with this program. A direct contact to the Legal Bibliography class at U.C. Berkeley might also be fruitful.

Recommendations:

1. The Chair of the Membership Committee should work in a library large enough to afford secretarial and word processing support. A great deal of the Committee's work is correspondence. A "one-person office" librarian would be burdened by chairing this committee.

2. The size of the committee can be reduced. It is difficult to include more than two or three committee members into the committee activities. NOCALL's Membership Committee will always call on others for special programs or projects, but the ongoing committee membership can be much smaller.

3. Programs at Bay Area library science schools are popular and appreciated. They attract student members and promote our service goals. They should be continued.

4. The logistics of getting new members signed up and officially welcomed should be improved. Early in the NOCALL year, the Membership chair should contact the Secretary and the Treasurer to work out the methodology of exchanging new member information. Ideally, the routine should be institutionalized, perhaps by directing one copy of the membership form to the Membership chair.

5. NOCALL should establish a permanent address. New members have to correspond with up to three different people to join and resolve any initial problems with NEWSLETTER mailings. As our Association grows, it becomes less practical to annually adopt the new addresses of key officers and committee chairs. If a permanent address is adopted, rubber stamps should be made to conveniently add the address to the membership brochure. The NOCALL membership brochure is a wonderful asset that should be kept current and in generous supply.

- Nancy Carol Carter

NOCALL NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Volume 6 (1985/1986) of the Newsletter sported a new look: The new size, format and first class mailing hastened the delivery of the newsletter and avoided the inconvenience and delay of bulk mailing while keeping mailing costs at a minimum. The new look also

included the new NOCALL logo. By a decision of the Executive Board, the Newsletter became available to non-members at a subscription price of \$15 per year.

Subscriptions rose from 230 (Issue No. 1) to more than 290. Printing costs totalled \$1200 and postage and supplies totalled \$561, which is about 40% less than what was spent the previous year.

Assistant editors, Teresa Oppedal and Bev Lipton contributed valuable advice and support. Laura Peritore's current awareness bibliography, "Items of Interest," was an important and popular feature. The membership news came from Sheryll Tomson, Sandra Young and Nancy Carlin. Behind the scenes were Committee Chairs and other NOCALL members who contributed their news and comments for publication. "Quero," the new question and answer column is an idea contributed by Jo Caporaso and should be continued in future issues.

Thanks to the Committee and all the contributors, the Newsletter continued as a vehicle for our meeting announcements, membership news, current awareness, continuing education, and our connection to each other.

- Ann DiLoreto

NOCALL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee completed its charge in January 1986, upon presentation of the following slate of candidates to the Executive Board:

1. For the office of Vice President/President-Elect:

Sharon French, Bank of America
Katherine Henderson, McGeorge School of Law Library

2. For the office of Secretary:

Jo Caporaso, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enersen
Lorraine E. Rodich, California Court of Appeal,
6th Appellate District

3. For the office of Treasurer:

Marilyn J. Jose, McDonough, Holland & Allen
Manuel J. Koff, Baker & McKenzie

As a Committee, Ellen Gilmore, Donna Martinez and I are very grateful to those NOCALL members who agreed to be candidates in our recent election.

- Muriel Hoppes

NOCALL PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Statistics

As of May 14, 1986, the Placement Committee had received 20 professional resumes and 11 para-professional resumes. At least six of the professional librarians have found jobs in the area.

The Committee had received 28 professional and 15 para-professional job listings. The 25 professional listings fairly accurately represent the number of actual jobs available. The para-professional listings probably do not. The professional listings included three city or government, seven academic, and eighteen private law firm positions. The geographic distribution included two positions in San Jose; three in Palo Alto; and one each in Oakland, Walnut Creek, Berkeley, and Sacramento. Four positions were from outside of NOCALL's membership area (Los Angeles (3) and Oregon (1)). The para-professional positions included four city or government, one academic, and eleven private law library positions.

For all except three professional positions, someone

contacted the Committee. The other three were listed on the Special Libraries Association Jobline. The Committee followed up on two of these positions. Of the 28 positions, at least six were new and one was an up-grade from library assistant. Four were part-time.

The Committee sent the professional resume files to at least twenty employers.

Accomplishments

In addition to maintaining the resume files and the job listing book, the Committee provided the Membership Committee and library school placement offices at the University of California, Berkeley and San Jose State University with a description of NOCALL's placement services. Responsibilities included figuratively holding job applicants' hands, dispensing encouragement, and answering lots of telephone calls.

Suggestions

The Committee had hoped to conduct a salary survey. Both employers and employees have expressed an interest in knowing what salary ranges are or should be. I suggest that the Placement and Membership Committees as a joint project conduct a salary survey using as its basis the surveys of the San Andreas Chapter of Special Libraries Association and of the local Association of Legal Administrators.

I found that the functions of the Placement and Membership Committees overlapped and that consideration should be given to combining the two. Day-to-day operations of the Placement Committee need to be done by one person; however, other projects would be better accomplished by one committee.

Maintaining a para-professional resume file poses a dilemma because it appears that a number of positions are never listed with the Committee. Next year's

Committee should make a concerted effort to get more employers to list their para-professional positions with NOCALL or should consider dropping the para-professional resume file.

Summary

I think it was a good year for employers and job seekers. It is clear that employers are using the Placement Committee to advertise professional listings, and that NOCALL members are recommending the service to others.

- Margaret R. LaFrance

NOCALL PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE

This year, the Committee continued to concentrate its efforts on improving public access to legal information in the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Areas by arranging to conduct workshops in legal research for librarians from public and special libraries. Topics generally discussed included: California and federal primary and secondary sources, municipal ordinances, non-law sources of legal information, the legal reference interview, legal reference versus legal advice, and weeding and updating the collection.

Workshops presented in 1985 - 1986 were as follows:

1. September 10, 1985
Sacramento PALI section presented a workshop in Sacramento for California Youth Authority Librarians.
2. November 16, 1985
Bay Area PALI section presented two "Legal Reference for Non-Law Librarians" workshops for the Reference and Information Services Chapter of the California Library Association's 1985 Annual Conference in Oakland. Participants were: Marian

Shostrom, Janice Kelly, Coral Henning, Karen Toran, and Ellen Weaver. Approximately 100 librarians attended.

3. January 9, 1986
Sacramento PALI section presented a workshop for Solano County reference librarians at the County Library Headquarters in Fairfield. Participants were: Barbara Elbrecht, Katherine Henderson, Chizuko Kawamoto, and Mary Ann Parker. Approximately 30 librarians attended.
4. February 8, 1986
Shirley David, Sacramento PALI member, gave a presentation entitled "Researching California Case Law" to the Special Libraries Association meeting at California State University, Sacramento. Approximately 40 librarians attended.
5. March 20, 1986
Bay Area PALI section presented a workshop for Bay Area public librarians at the Hayward Public Library. Participants were: Rebecca Byrnes and Karen Toran. Approximately 20 librarians attended.

In addition, three upcoming workshops have been scheduled as follows:

1. MOBAC (Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System) - June, 1986.
2. North Bay Cooperative Library System - October, 1986.
3. San Jose Public Library - November, 1986.

Future Directions

In discussing future directions for the PALI Committee, members agreed that the Committee should continue to present training workshops on the use of legal materials in public and special libraries. To enhance and facilitate the outreach, the following suggestions were made for future consideration:

1. Publish a brochure providing background information on the NOCALL PALI Committee, and services offered.
2. Conduct regional all-day workshops in a centralized location on occasional Saturdays.
3. Promote a liaison with the SCALL PALI Committee to facilitate the updating and distribution of SCALL's "Locating the Law" publication in Northern California.
4. Survey NOCALL membership for possible speakers to feature at workshops on specialized topics.
5. Place more emphasis on consulting services.
6. Provide reimbursement to Committee members for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in giving workshops.
7. Explore the Stockton area as another possible area to be served by the Sacramento PALI section.

- Katherine Henderson

NOCALL UNION LIST COMMITTEE

The Committee started out the year finally making available and selling the first edition of the NOCALL UNION LIST. We sold 84 copies and collected \$2775 (\$30 per copy and \$5 postage and handling).

While the first edition was being sold, the committee began working on the next edition. First, we drew up a questionnaire to send to each of the AALL chapters who were known to have a union list. We received 11 responses. Of these, 2 chapters utilized the services of a vendor. The other 8 did their own union lists, storing the information on an academic library's mainframe.

We looked into the 2 vendors who were used and briefly explored the possibility of storing information on one of NOCALL's academic law libraries' mainframes. In theory, this latter idea is great. In practice, however, it would take much discussion and long range planning to embark on such a course.

After several meetings to discuss what we wanted in a union list (for example, control over format and cross references, frequent updates, reasonable cost), we found ourselves with 2 bids from companies on the east coast and the possibility of reconsidering and re-evaluating CLASS who produced our first edition. It was eventually decided that if CLASS could adhere to some deadlines and sign a contract, we would remain with them until we find a vendor who can offer what we want at a reasonable price.

The next edition should be available in September or October. The price will undoubtedly be higher because we won't have the \$500 contribution from the Private Law Library Association of San Francisco and we will have more participants. I estimate that the price will be \$50-60 in the future.

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PLACEMENT

Reference Librarian. Santa Clara University. Heafey Law Library. Requirements: M.L.S. and J.D. or previous law library experience. Knowledge of WESTLAW, LEXIS and RLIN. Duties: Professional librarian reporting to the Head of Public Services is responsible for providing reference service to law students, faculty and other patrons of the law library. Other duties include supervision of student loose-leaf filers, maintenance of the reference and microform collections, interlibrary loans, WESTLAW and LEXIS training, library tours, developing library instruction aids and bibliographies as necessary. Includes some non-traditional hours. Salary: Depending upon qualifications. Available: Immediately. Contact: Mary D. Hood, Head, Public Services, Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053; Telephone (408) 554-4452.

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