From The President

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BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR

1990/91 promises to be another challenging year for NOCALL. There are a multitude of opportunities for member participation as committees set goals, and planning for major events gets underway. NOCALL already has the spotlight as the key chapter involved in local arrangements for the 1992 AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Additionally, members are busy preparing program proposals now for the 1991 Meeting in New Orleans. NOCALL also plays a major role in organizing the upcoming Joint Meeting with WESTPAC, rescheduled for November in Monterey. Next spring, the NOCALL Institute under the auspices of the Education Committee will take place.

Your new Executive Board met for the first time on July 10th at the University of San Francisco. It drew up a tentative scheduling of Business Meetings for 1990/91 which will take NOCALL members to Sacramento in September, Monterey in November (in conjunction with the NOCALL/Westpac Meeting), San Francisco in January, and Oakland in May. (The site of the Spring Institute is yet to be determined.)

Committee Chair appointments are now in place, getting the 1990/91 year off to a good start. The response to the call for volunteers in the last Newsletter was most gratifying, but it's still not too late to offer your time and talents. A recommendation to establish a new Government Relations Committee will be placed before the membership at the Fall Business Meeting in response to concern over filing fee issues and administrative code problems. See you in September!

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MEAD SPONSORS LEGAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE FOR PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIANS

Nora Skrukrud
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

Thirty-five law librarians nationwide attended a conference this past spring on the topic of legal research instruction. Mead Data sponsored the conference offering a unique opportunity for law librarians to share their knowledge with each other on a wide variety of topics which comprise all aspects of legal research instruction.

Representing the Bay area were Rich Leiter of Littler, Mendelson; Nora Skrukrud of Crosby, Heafey; and Bob Berring, UC Berkeley who participated as faculty. Sandra Sawyer, Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon; and Mary Torres, Steefel, Levitt & Weiss were attendees.

There were a wide range of skill building topics covered. Examples included how to use Jury Verdicts Weekly, how to lecture effectively, in-house staff training, research techniques for partners, and associates, etc. It was reported that some law schools are allowing law firm librarians to meet with law students and assist in the instruction of legal research.

Marie Wallace, O'Melveny & Myers, chaired the conference, which was a great success. Law Librarians returned to their libraries with new and substantive techniques for starting or improving a research instruction program.

NEWS RELEASE SERVICE HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Jaye Lapachet
Folger & Levin

The News Release service provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts often carries important information for law librarians. For example, Release 28, dated May 15, 1990, discusses the contract negotiations for the publication of the California Official Reports.

To receive copies of the News Release, you can write to: Administrative Office of the Courts, State Building, Room 3154, San Francisco CA 94102, or call Lynn Holton, Public Information Officer (415) 396-9118.

NOCALL MEMBERS - RENEW!

You should have received a membership renewal form by now for the 1990-91 year, which is due back July 31st. Renewals received after July 31st will not be included in the 1990-91 NOCALL Membership directory.

Membership costs $15 for active members. If you need a form contact: Alan R. MacDougall, NOCALL Treasurer, Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, Spear Street Tower, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105.

SALARIES LAGGING FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

Mark Mackler
Bancroft, Avery & McAlister

A recent article in Of Counsel, Volume 9, Number 12, June 18, 1990, points out that law librarians are paid less than other support staff working with attorneys. A survey conducted by Altman & Weil, Inc. which was sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, Private Law Libraries SIS, gathered data from 619 private law libraries.

Some of the data gathered reported that:

1. New lawyers were paid an average of $45,410 annually, while chief law librarians with more than 20 years of experience earned an average of $47,928.

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2. Chief law librarians with a JD were paid an average of $48,839, and those with a MLS averaged $37,234.

3. Paralegals, working in large firms, made an average of $27,888 annually, while regular law librarians with an MLS were making $29,694.

To help explain this disparity, Dr. Robin Hegvik, survey coordinator at Altman & Weil, offered the reasoning that paralegals can bill for their work product, while law librarians cannot.

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**FAIR USE OR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT - NEWSLETTERS TARGETED**

Proving copyright infringement cases can be very difficult, especially when people are used to copying portions of a copyrighted work for what under the law is considered fair use. A recent settlement, however, was reached in favor of Washington Business Information, Inc., for $100,000 for an infringement claim involving the copying and disbursement of newsletters.

Federal law protects copyright material, and in cases of willful infringement it authorizes damage awards of up to $100,000. Newsletter publishers offer rewards, of $2,000 or more, for information leading to a successful infringement claim.

Newsletters are easily copied, because they are normally only a few pages in length. They often carry current, essential bits of information on very specific issues, and businesses often want to distribute copies quickly to many employees without paying for more subscriptions. Publishers report that copying infringements cut into their annual revenues by some 20 percent, and they are becoming more aggressive in protecting their work against copy infringement.

Subject newsletters are being read and used more by lawyers and judges, especially in dealing with specialized cases. Some legal newsletters are providing texts of otherwise unpublished trial opinions. The number and subject nature of legal newsletters has grown by phenomenal numbers, such that the infringement issue to publishers is now an economic one.

Information for this article provided by Mark Mackler, Bancroft, Avery & McAlister, from an article appearing in the New York Times, June 1, 1990.

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**INNOVATIVE USERS GROUP MEETS AT AALL**

*Cecilia Kwan*

UC Davis Law Library
Past Chair, Innovative Users Group

The Innovative Users Group met June 17, 1990, at the AALL meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Approximately 100 Innovative users and/or prospective users attended. Gerry Kline, president of Innovative Interface, Inc. and Sandy Weaver, Vice-President for Library Services, were present and gave a state of the company report.

There was a full agenda. Discussion topics included: Marc holdings format, links between the Innovacq and Innopac systems, customer service, Unix integration, external databases, networking and downloading, system enhancements, and future plans. Users took an active part in the discussion on all issues.

The meeting then broke into small groups for more detailed discussion on four topics: the Innovacq acquisitions and serials systems; the online catalog with special emphasis on authority control; the circulation module; and, system's management.

The incoming chair of the Users Group for 1990-91 is Linda Davis, Georgetown University. Her address is Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, 111 G St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Telephone (202) 662-9190.
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NOCALL Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 1990
Santa Clara University School of Law
Santa Clara

1. Welcome and Introduction

Virginia Kelsh, NOCALL President, welcomed everyone to the Annual Business Meeting and had all new members introduce themselves.

2. January 18, 1990 Business Meeting Minutes

The January 18, 1990 Business Meeting minutes were approved as published in the March/April 1990 NOCALL News.

3. Treasurer’s Report

John Moore, NOCALL Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s Report for the third quarter of the 1989-90 fiscal year. John reported that as of March 1, 1990 NOCALL had a balance of $9,667.65. Virginia mentioned that the final Treasurer’s Report for this fiscal year will be submitted after May 31, 1990.

4. Election Results and Motion to Destroy the Ballots

Marlene Harmon, NOCALL Secretary, reported on the results of the election for the 1990/91 NOCALL offices. Of the 303 ballots mailed to members, 174 were returned by the due date. This number was sufficient for the 25% quorum required by the NOCALL bylaws. Seven ballots were disqualified, most because the member had identified him or herself on either the "Official Ballot" envelope or on the ballot itself.

Marlene introduced the members elected to the 1990/91 NOCALL Board: Vice President/President Elect: Nora Skrukrud of Brosby, Heafy, Roach & May in Oakland, Secretary: Todd Bennett of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges in Oakland and Treasurer: Alan MacDougall of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to destroy the ballots.

Virginia thanked all the candidates who ran for the 1990/91 offices, remarking on what a good slate of candidates the membership had to select from.

5. Annual Committee Reports

Several of the Committee Reports were submitted in writing since the chairs of those committees were unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Virginia present a summary of these reports to the meeting. For a complete printing of all committee annual reports, see NOCALL NEWS, volume 10, no. 6, May/June 1990.

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6. AALL Announcements

**Shirley David has been elected to the AALL Executive Board.

**Virginia announced for Gail Winson that the Joint Reception for NOCALL, WESTPAC and SCALL at the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis will take place on Saturday, June 16th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Walker Art Center. Virginia encouraged all members who will be at the meeting to attend. She also encouraged them to attend the NOCALL sponsored "Art and the Law" Program being coordinated by Gail.

**Lauri Flynn is coordinating staffing at the NOCALL Chapter Booth in the Activities Area at the Annual Meeting. She encouraged membership participation and sent around a sign up sheet for staffing the booth.

**Virginia reported that the AALL Board has not yet selected a Local Arrangements chair for the 1992 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

**Virginia reported that NOCALL can get blanket insurance through AALL. She has submitted membership estimates to AALL. She has also submitted an estimated cost for the insurance to the Audit and Budget Committee.

**Virginia reported that AALL is seeking 1991 officer and Executive Board candidates. Candidates must be AALL members. Names of candidates should be sent to AALL Headquarters before May 25, 1990.

**Virginia reported that she had received a letter from Margaret Axman, Education Chair for the 1991 AALL Annual Meeting. The theme for the meeting is "Building Bridges". Margaret is soliciting program and workshop ideas from the chapters. The deadline for returning proposals to Margaret Axman is August 1st. Ideas should be submitted to Katherine Henderson by June 1st to receive NOCALL sponsorship.

7. NOCALL Announcements

Mary Hood invited all members to a reception in the lovely new facilities of the University of Santa Clara Law Library. She invited all interested members to tour the library.

Virginia thanked Mary and the University of Santa Clara Law Library Staff for hosting the meeting. She also thanked Ken Burchill of Construction Sales Associates for donating $100 for the flowers at the reception.

8. Passing the Gavel

Virginia then thanked the 1989/90 Executive Board. She expressed her pleasure at serving as the 1989/90 NOCALL President. Virginia again presented the 1990/91 NOCALL Executive Board. She then formally passed the gavel on to Katherine Henderson, the 1990/91 NOCALL President.

Katherine, now officially the NOCALL President, expressed her pleasure at being President in NOCALL's 10th year. She encouraged all members to participate as committee members or chairs.

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Katherine thanked Virginia for all of her hard work during the 1989/90. She expressed the sentiments of the entire Board when she said what a pleasure Virginia was to work with. Katherine presented Virginia with a gift of stationary as a gesture of appreciation.

9. Adjournment

Katherine adjourned the meeting at 5 pm. The members then went on to a delicious hors d'oeuvre and dessert reception graciously hosted by Mary Hood and the staff of the University of Santa Clara Law Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Harmon
1989/90 NOCALL Secretary

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 1992 AALL ANNUAL MEETING - S.F. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

This survey will assist Joan Howland and Virginia Kelsh, Local Arrangements Co-Chair, organize committees for the 1992 AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Please complete this form (if you did not do so last Spring) and mail ASAP to:

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CALIFORNIA LIBRARY NETWORKING TASK FORCE: PHASE II PLANNING

Virginia Kelsh
CA Library Networking Task Force

Virginia Kelsh, representative to the CA Library Networking Task Force, represented NOCALL on the Task Force Steering Group at an all-day meeting in San Francisco on Friday, July 13, 1990. The Steering Group, composed of about 39 members representing public, school, academic and special libraries and library organizations, is charged with coordinating the development of the California multitype library network through a consensus-based planning, processing, and setting policy directions for the network and its development. The Steering Group is the policy-making group of the Task Force.

The Planning Group, to which Martha Mille is a representative for NOCALL, is the working body of the Task Force and is charged with drafting policy documents which are later reviewed by the Steering Group. A third body is the Serials Task Force Group. NOCALL member Todd Bennett has been attending these meetings to represent the law library viewpoint on serials issues. We represent you and your libraries, so if you have concerns, please contact us.

Last year, the Task Force completed Phase I of planning: adoption of the network mission statement, network principles and network services and functions. (See Shirley David's report in Jan./Feb. 1989 NOCALL NEWS, pp. 7-8). This year, Phase II planning focuses on membership eligibility, network organization, and governance issues.

Four open forums will be held during September. I hope many NOCALL members will attend these open forums where the Task Force's work to date will be reviewed and where membership eligibility requirements will be defined. Registration forms have not yet been prepared for these all-day meetings but the dates and locations will be as follows:

Laguna Niguel - Wednesday, September 12
Oakland - Friday, September 14
Manhattan Beach - Monday, September 17
Sacramento - Wednesday, September 26

If you wish to attend, you could call Barbara Will at the CA State Library in Sacramento at (916) 445-2585, and ask for a registration form. They will be available in early August.

There is a possibility that NOCALL libraries could receive grant money under LSCA Title III to provide cooperative services to other types of libraries. Some examples might be conducting workshops or consulting sessions for nonlegal libraries or collections, or distributing our Union List or Municipal Code directory to various types of libraries. Now is our opportunity to have a voice in statewide networking plans!

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CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS DEPOSITORY STATUS UPDATE

Lee Ryan
USF Law Library

In June, the Office of Administrative Law agreed to make the revised California Code of Regulations available for depository distribution. This reversal of the OAL's previous position came after an oversight hearing in the Subcommittee on State Administration of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Lobbying and advocacy by California librarians - including a NOCALL letter-writing campaign - in turn preceded this hearing.

Under the agreement, 100 copies of the Code (the minimum required by the Library Depository Act) will be distributed. Full depositories (and a few selective depositories) will receive paper copies. Other selective depositories will receive microfiche. Because there are more than 100 depository libraries, the State Librarian has "rationed" copies among the selective depository libraries on the basis of interest expressed in response to a survey, as well as geography, population, and maximum public access. (Under a separate provision of the Government Code, county law libraries also receive copies of the Code.)

Although fiche is not the optimal format for distribution of the Code, and although the statutorily required 100 copies don't go quite far enough, the outcome of this dispute is a qualified victory for libraries concerned about access to government information. It has at least been established that the Code is covered by the Library Depository Act and must be distributed in some format. Thanks to all NOCALL members who participated in the letter-writing campaign for helping to bring us this far.

WESTPAC/NOCALL JOINT MEETING

Nora Skrurkud
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

The WESTPAC/NOCALL Joint Meeting will be held in Monterey, at the Monterey Sheraton, November 8-10, 1990. The program is entitled Challenges of the Law Librarians, and topics include "Professional Ethics", "Disaster Preparedness", "Life Balancing", "Career Balancing", and "CD-ROM: Talk to the Experts". Program Co-chairs are WESTPAC members Lee Warthen and Denyse McFadden.

The opening reception will be held at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Both the Western Pacific and Northern California Chapters will hold business meetings on Friday afternoon.

The program promises to be educational, interesting, and entertaining, and Monterey is always beautiful. Details will follow, but mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, please call Local Arrangements Chair Nora Skrurkud at (415) 763-2000.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
PROGRAM AT AALL

Judy Janes
UC Davis Law Library

Summarized from data distributed by the AALL Government Relations Committee at AALL.

1. Project Hermes. The United States Supreme Court will release its opinions electronically through a system called Project Hermes. New opinions will be downloaded from the Court's internal computer onto floppy disks. The disks will be loaded into the Hermes PC which, through 15 ports, will disseminate the opinions to commercial venders. AALL asked the Court to assign a port on the Hermes PC to the GPO and after much negotiation, it appears that GPO will be designated the primary public access channel for the system.

2. HR 3849 (Government Printing Office Improvement Act). The bill seeks to clarify the role of the GPO and the Federal Depository Libraries regarding electronic publishing. As currently worded, the bill allows GPO production and distribution in any format, and to impose a cost sharing approach to the distribution.

AALL committee members have urged that government publications be broadly defined to include both electronic and non-electronic information formats, and that cost-sharing should be on a more flexible arrangement as needed.

3. Law Library of Congress. AALL strongly opposed a proposal to merge the Law Library of Congress into the general organization of the Library of Congress, thereby dissolving it as separate entity. Due to the strong opposition of AALL the Law Library will retain its autonomy.

4. State Department Bulletin. Without notice, the State Department announced that it would no longer publish the Department of State Bulletin, a major resource for treaty research and foreign policy statements. AALL and others urged the State Department to reconsider this decision.

Officials said that much of the Bulletin's information would be released in a new publication "Dispatch". The Bulletin was stopped because of budget limits. A new effort is being exerted to pressure the department to resume the Bulletin's publication.

5. S 1067 (National Research & Education Network). This bill proposes the building of the National Research and Education Network - a national high performance computer network which will link computer users in libraries, academic institutions and government and industry. It proposes that there be at least one connecting in each state.

6. S JRes 57. (Permanent Paper Resolution). It is expected that the national permanent paper policy bill will pass the House in the last weeks of Congress. Considered non-controversial, it establishes a national policy to promote the printing of books and other publications of enduring value on alkaline, permanent paper.

LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC - SIS

The AALL Legal Information Service to the Public SIS provides an outreach function. Its purpose is to alert public users who are unaware that law libraries are resources available to them which the need for legal information arises.

Most of the section programs are offered at the local or regional level, and the SIS encourages chapters to organize programs to create local or regional clearinghouses of information to be made available to educate these groups. This past year the SIS developed law library policy guidelines for the dissemination of legal information to the public and a program presented at the AALL meeting in Minneapolis to help identify the type of information that should be provided to the pro se patron.

Any AALL member interested in working with this SIS or who would like to receive the LISP Newsletter may join by sending $5 dues to AALL Headquarters in Chicago.
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The second in a series of guides to collections held by participants in RLG’s subject programs has just been published. The On-Site Access Guide to RLG Archival, Manuscript, and Special Collections is available from The Research Libraries Group, Inc.

The on-site access guides are principally intended to provide RLG members with additional information about each other’s resources for the benefit of each other’s patrons. The guides are published as subject-oriented supplements to the RLG Shared Resources Manual.

CATALOGING SUPPORT SYSTEM COSTS - A STUDY

A recent study of cataloging support system costs appeared in the July-August 1989 issue of Library Technology Reports. The study was done by William Saffady, and documents that the costs for cataloging in RLIN average $3.31 per title plus local labor costs are estimated to be $7.28 per title. It is noted that the $3.31 figure is comparable with those for other bibliographic utilities.

The costs include more than the cost of online search time. It takes into account such additional costs as annual fixed costs such as network membership and access fees, equipment maintenance, telephone line charges and add search charges. The search charges were figured at $2.17 to $2.31 per title using an average copy cataloging transaction requires 2.25 search commands.

DIALOG DOCKET - NEW PUBLICATION

Dialog Information Services, Inc. is announcing the publication of a newsletter, Dialog Docket. Its purpose is to highlight the legal applications of new databases, review frequently-asked questions from customer service hotline, and to introduce users of Dialog.

For example, in Volume 1, Number 1, 1990, Dialog reports adding the Boston Globe and the San Jose Mercury News to the full-text newspaper database. Also, Dialog reports that online costs can now be tracked by client or subaccount.

If anyone is interested in receiving the Dialog Docket you may write Dialog Information Services, Marketing-Legal Information Services, 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304-9817.
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LAW OFFICE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

"Technology in the Law Practice" is the title of a conference and exhibition to be held September 13-15, 1990, in San Francisco. Topics will include hardware trends, cost justification, automated law office administration, lawyer training, document creation, automated law firm marketing, telecommunications, document management software, minicomputers versus networks, scanning and laser technology, advances in litigation support, and more.

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The Colorado Association of Law Libraries (COALL) will sponsor Legal Institute 1990 on October 20, 1990. It will be held at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder.

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