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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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In reading chapter newsletters from across the United States I'm continually surprised at the similarities between us. We are united of course, by the agendas of the AALL Strategic Plan and Operating Plan. But we are united in other ways as well. Program topics, committee activities, or government and public relation efforts are generally variations on the same themes. On the negative side, many of the similarities require meeting the challenges placed on us by outside forces (in particular, the economy.) On the positive side, we are united by the sense of professionalism we bring to our careers and our volunteer efforts.

Chapter leaders are most concerned, I think, that they create an association which reflects and meets the needs of its members. Programs must be structured and materials written which will provide the tools required to educate and to maintain a competitive edge.

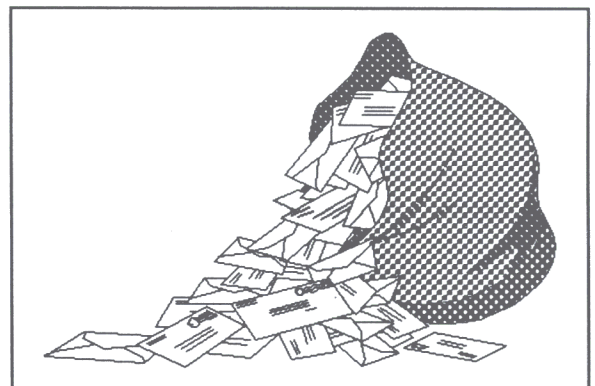
NOCALL membership currently totals approximately four hundred. Unfortunately, too large a percentage of that four hundred is rather silent. I know a number of you, but wish I knew more. I'd like to have a better appreciation of the expectations you have of the association. Your

dues support the association; we'd like to support you.

Included in this issue of the newsletter is a brief comment sheet I'd like you to complete. If we are creating programs on topics of little interest to you, let us know. If the times or places are wrong, if we don't have the right number or type of programs, let us know. If you'd like to be involved on some level, let us know. Maintaining traditions that no longer serve the membership is of no value. We'd like to know what would be of value.

As a postscript, please consider writing for the newsletter. Perhaps a book, database or seminar review, an editorial, a bibliography on the Americans with Disabilities Act or other current topic.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to reading next week's mail.



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Mark Mackler, Librarian, Bancroft, Avery & McAlister

Nora Skrukrud, Director of Library Services, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

In the summer of 1991, Patricia Roux, Legal Administrator of San Francisco's Bancroft, Avery & McAlister, asked us to serve on the faculty of the Region Six Conference of the Association of Legal Administrators. The Conference was scheduled to take place during October 25-26 in Monterey. We realized that this would be a perfect opportunity to provide administrators with a comprehensive overview of the broad responsibilities we tackle every day in our firms, and we eagerly accepted Pat's offer. Our presentation was entitled "Your Library As An Administrator's Resource."

We divided our presentation into six major categories, as follows:

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- (6) How to Work with Your Librarian, and What to Do if You Don't Have One

At the conclusion of the program, we distributed bibliographies (surprise, surprise) comprised of citations to articles on each of the topics we had presented.

Although we had a relatively small audience (it's difficult to compete with beautiful weather on a Saturday afternoon in Monterey), the feedback was so strong that we were invited to make the presentation again in January to the East Bay Chapter of the ALA.

Some observations? We learned that there were a number of similarities between librarians and administrators--more than we might have expected. Both groups try to keep their attorneys happy, in spite of the fact that there are often conflicting demands and

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conflicting expectations. In a recent issue of Legal Management, the ALA's journal, Linda Iannelli of Altman Weil Pensa wrote:

An administrator must be careful not to place too much stock in what the lawyers say they want. In many cases, they don't know what they want, they don't want what they say they want or they want contradictory things. You didn't think it would be easy, did you?

We found the audiences to be very receptive to what we had to say to them. Both groups of ALA members asked thoughtful questions, and seemed genuinely pleased to learn about our access to resources. A number of administrators contacted us after the programs with additional requests for information. The evaluations were uniformly positive. For the administrators who already had librarians, we hope that we helped to contribute to their understanding of the role our profession can play in helping administrators do their jobs better. As for the administrators who didn't have librarians, we hope that we're now seen as terrific additions to their legal teams, rather than drains on their profits during a tight economy.

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Michael Jones, Chair

Audit: An audit of the Treasurer's records for the 1991-92 fiscal year was completed by a certified CPA. All records were correct and all documents present.

Budget: The committee will continue to meet to prepare the 1992/93 proposed budget, which will be completed prior to the Spring 1992 business meeting.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Susan Van Syckel, Chair

The following information is current as of 1/31/92. For updates call Susan Van Syckel at (916) 739-7241 or Ruth Nunez-Saldach at (916) 440-6012.

STATE LEGISLATION

Kopp Authors Measure to Restore Sales Tax Exemption to Periodicals

The Roadrunner has nothing on Senator Quentin Kopp's measure, SB 267, that would restore the exemption from sales tax to periodicals obtained through subscriptions (important to libraries). In nine days' time, the bill passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee by 5 to 1, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by 8 to 3, and passed the Senate by a 28 to 5 floor vote (1/30/92). The measure now goes to the Assembly. To monitor this important bill (some action will likely have occurred by the time you read this), call the Assembly Clerk's Office, (916) 445-3614. While California's major library associations (us included) have urged passage of this bill, the measure's success to date is undoubtedly due to effective lobbying by the State's magazine industry. Whatever works!

FYI: CLA Promoting Public Library Construction Bond Act

Your colleagues in California's public libraries and the California Library Association are asking all library professionals to support SB 1230 (Keene), the Public Library Construction Bond Act that would provide \$300 million for public library construction/renovation. A fact sheet is available from Anne Appel, Marin County Librarian, (415) 499-6051 or Dick Killian, Director Sacramento Public Library, (916) 440-5926.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The second session of the 102nd Congress began January 21. Of those measures introduced in the first session and significant to law libraries, one became law and four others are pending.

NREN Measure Now Law

On 1/9/91, President Bush signed into law the High-Performance Computing and Communications Act of 1991 that earmarked \$153 million (of a total \$657 million authorization) for establishment of a high-speed computer network to link government, industry and the educational community, known as the National Research and Education Network (NREN). The National Science Foundation is charged with development of NREN and with assisting colleges, universities and libraries in connecting with the network, should they be unable to connect through private sector entities. Under the new law, the private sector has responsibility for providing network connections to libraries and institutions of higher learning. Projected implementation date for NREN is 1996.

WINDO Measure Still Alive

H.R. 2772 (Rowe), the Government Printing Office Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991, would provide a single account/gateway for a number of federal databases that contain public information. These would be accessible with no charge to depository libraries. Introduced in June of 1991, the measure remains pending before the House Administration Committee.

AALL and other major library associations support this bill.

Paperwork Reduction Act Reauthorization Stalled

Two competing Senate measures would reauthorize the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. S. 1139 (Nunn), favored by the Bush Administration and the small business community, focuses on "paperwork reduction" and includes provisions that would require federal agencies to consider both public and private information services and products in determining how best to disseminate information to the public. Text of the bill appears in the May 22, 1991, issue of the Congressional Record on pages S6403-11. S. 1044 (Glenn), the Federal Information Resources Management Act, would also reauthorize the Paperwork Reduction Act and would additionally revise federal information policies to (in part) assure better public access to government information. Text appears in the May 5, 1991, issue of the Congressional Record on pages S5967-74. The two bills appear to be stalled in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Both measures contain provisions re: privatization of publication of government information that are not acceptable to the library community. AALL, ALR and ALA representatives are now jointly drafting an alternative bill. OMB will likely postpone revision of Circular A-130 until compromise legislation is passed. Circular A-130 articulates existing federal information policy.

The Librarian's Bill...

H.R. 3459, authored by Major Owens (the only librarian serving in Congress), and known as the Improvement of Information Access (AII) Act of 1991, is a nifty measure that would amend the Freedom of Information Act to "improve information access" (trust a librarian to say what he means). Owens' bill would require federal agencies to: (1) disseminate government information (electronic data) in standardized record format; (2) make such information accessible through depository libraries, national networks or other channels that improve public access and provide adequate documentation, indexes and software for such information; (3) charge no more than the incremental cost of disseminating this information (no royalties); (4) publish annual reports describing their respective information policies and practices; and (5) notify the public (via the Federal Register) of any new or discontinued services. The bill is currently before the House Government Operations Committee. Text of the bill and comments by Owens are in the October 3, 1991 issue of the Congressional Record on pages E3241-45. AALL, along with other library associations, supports this measure.

To monitor these congressional bills (and issues relevant to law libraries), call the AALL GovLine at (312) 939-7774. Status of pending federal legislation is also provided by the Congressional Bill Status Office at (202) 225-1772.

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Beverly A. Lipton, Chair

NOCALL/SLA are sponsoring the Spring Library School reception at San Jose State University on March 10, 1992 from 5:45 -7:45. The Fall Reception was very nice with a large number of students attending. We need to see more law librarians at these receptions.

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AALL: 1990 - present.

WESTPAC: 1990 - present.

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Education: M.L.I.S.

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ALA: 1984 - present; Black Caucus, 1990 - present.

SLA: 1984 - present.

CLA: 1984 - present.

San Francisco Private Law Librarians: 1986 - present; Steering Committee, 1986.

Saundra Kae Rubel

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NOCALL: 1984-85, 1988 - present; Union List Committee, 1990 - present.

AALL: 1989 - present; PLL/SIS, 1984 - present.

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The Community Law Center is looking for professionals who want to work with children. A teaching background is not required. The program is scheduled to start April 20th. Tutors will receive training prior to becoming a tutor, and are expected to commit one night a week, Monday or Thursday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00. Tutoring will take place at the Homeplace Family Center, at 28th & San Pablo, in Oakland.

For more information, contact Diane Besette at the Community Law Center (510) 836-1247.

San Francisco PLL Members Revise Notification System

Members of the San Francisco area PLL group will no longer be sending out notices of their meetings to every name on their mailing list. Instead, members interested in receiving notification of future meetings are being asked to submit 10 stamped, self-addressed envelopes to: Marilyn Earhart; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom; 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 3750; San Francisco 94111-4144. Ten envelopes will assure members that they will receive the SFPLL newsletter for 1992.

Legal Information Service to the Public SIS Seeks Help

The American Association of Law Libraries Legal Information Service to the Public SIS maintains a list of organizations in the area who are interested in utilizing the pro bono efforts of our membership. For example, the Pro Bono Project of Santa Clara County wrote to the Association last year indicating they would welcome hearing from interested librarians. Please contact Nora Skrukrud (510 763-2000) if you would like more information.

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TITLE 24 WHERE ARE YOU?

Randy Wilson, Librarian, Sixty South Market Library

For those of you who thought you were purchasing the entire California Code of Regulations from Barclays Law Publishers, think again. Barclays is not publishing Title 24, which includes various uniform codes adopted but amended by California.

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The book is comprised of independent articles by 12 different contributors. The articles cover general research issues as well as specific research sources and tips. Mark Newman's article "Attorney Research Malpractice", for example, identifies cases which hold an attorney to maintain a minimum standard of research skills. As an example, he cites "Smith v. Lewis, 13 Cal 3d 349," a California Supreme Court case, which required defendant attorney to possess knowledge of the common principles of law relevant to his case. In addition, the case suggested that counsel has the burden to discover other additional rules of law as appropriate to the case. Even though this case was overruled on other grounds, the language is persuasive in establishing a standard of expected competence for attorneys.

Another article on "Cost Effective Online Searching" by Stephanie A. Heacox presents some interesting tips and strategies to reduce the costs of online searching. The suggestions lead to the expected result, namely to use an integrated approach to legal research. However, saying it and doing it are two different circumstances.

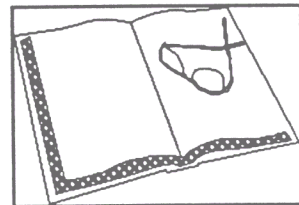
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Program/Product News

The article on "A Basic Guide to Legislative Histories" by Krista Friedman sheds light on the basic components of a legislative history. She is quick to note that the researchers understanding of the "legislative process is key to identifying what documents are pertinent in researching legislative intent behind Federal statutes.

The book is replete with subject bibliographies throughout. "Good Lawyers Are Good Researchers" by Donna Heroy and Nina Wendt, appears at the end. It is worth reading as a reminder and to stir further thinking about conducting good research.

The book is paperbound and sells for \$65. It can be purchased from Practicing Law Institute, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019.

CD-ROM Lifespan Set at 3-5 Years

A recent article in New Tech News (June 10, 1991) disputes manufacturers claims that CD-ROM discs will last at least twenty years. Recent statements by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have indicated that the expected lifespan is closer to three to five years. The main problem seems to be that the materials used in the manufacturing of the discs are vulnerable to breakdown in the presence of oxygen, and the production process itself allows the first oxidation to begin. Substituting a different material, such as glass for the discs would present other problems (breakage), and would not alter the need to manufacture in a costly oxygen-free atmosphere.

Libraries that have eliminated paper subscriptions based on the expectation that CD-ROM was a permanent solution might want to investigate further.

Thanks to Marie Schneider of Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison for locating this information.

SLA Chapter Presents Copyright Program

The Sierra Nevada Chapter of Special Libraries Association will present a program on "Copyright Law and Libraries" on Thursday, April 2, 1992, at the Sheepherder Inn in Rancho Cordova (off Highway 50, just east of Sacramento). If you are interested in attending, contact Chizuko Kawamoto at (916) 654-1202. Deadline for reservations in March 23.

Program/Product News

ARMA Conference Discusses Legal Information

"Making the Case for Legal Information Management" sponsored by the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) on March 19 and 20 in San Francisco, will address legal information management issues and automation in law firms.

The conference will feature three tracks. The first will include workshops on establishing a records management program, basics of the calendar, conflicts of interest, records management functions, and offsite storage. The second includes sessions on managing conflict of interest and calendaring functions, trends in law office technology, marketing information services to attorneys, and risk management issues. The third track offers software demonstrations. Cost for the two-day conference is \$125. For more information, contact Karen Albrecht (415) 788-0900 or Marsha Cohen (415) 354-4255. Deadline for registration is March 13.

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AALL News

PLL SIS Resource Directory Planned

The Private Law Librarians SIS of AALL is trying to create a resource directory for librarians who are seeking advice and information on particular aspects of law librarianship. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a form to send in if you are interested in being listed in this directory. This will not be a directory for those seeking outside consulting work, but a referral service for those who would like to benefit from the expertise of other law librarians.

State, Court, and County Law Libraries SIS Offers Membership Benefits

I. CHALLENGES OF PUBLIC SECTOR LAW LIBRARIANSHIP

The law librarian working in the public sector faces unique challenges. Funding sources, whether state or municipal, are usually fixed, and rarely increase to keep pace with the ever-increasing costs of legal materials. Public funding often means that staff vacancies remain unfilled for long periods, and precludes the hiring of outside temporary help. Supervising and managing staff requires a good working knowledge of public employee law, civil service rules and any applicable union contracts. The clientele served by the public sector law librarian might be all-inclusive (for the librarian in a state or county law library) or highly specialized (for court or public agency law libraries), but most law librarians in the public sector work for an organization whose overall mission is public service. Some of these libraries are required to maintain depository collections; some collect or index items unique to their court or agency, with an obligation to maintain them as public records.

Sound familiar? The AALL State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SIS) is for you! As a part of AALL, its membership is drawn from public sector law librarians across the country.

II. BENEFITS OF SIS MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER: the quarterly newsletter of the State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS provides a forum for sharing information on the ongoing projects of the SIS committees, as well as articles of interest to members.

SIS COMMITTEES: Recent committee activities have included a survey of video collections, survey of library services to the disabled, presentation and sponsorship of programs relating to public sector law libraries, and creation of a clearinghouse on interlibrary cooperation. Current SIS committees are Computer Assisted Library Services, Funding, Governmental Relations, Service to Disabled, Relations with the Judiciary, Appellate Court Standards, Interlibrary Communications, SCCLL

AALL News

Brochure, Membership, Newsletter and Publicity, Program, Nomination, Bylaws, and Statistics.

The purpose of this membership appeal is twofold. First, to offer the benefits that come with networking: the establishment of closer ties with colleagues around the country that are facing similar challenges. Second, to increase the ability of the SIS to provide benefits to its members: as membership increases, there will be more of us involved in committee activities.

Membership in the SIS is open to anyone who is a member of AALL, for an additional \$12 per year. Contact AALL, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940, Chicago, IL 60604.

AALL Promotes CONELL for 1992

If you are new to AALL and are eagerly anticipating attending your first (or second) convention in San Francisco, plan to attend CONELL on the Saturday before the convention begins. What's CONELL? Only the best convention event for the new law librarian. CONELL stands for the Conference of Newer Law Librarians and means exactly what it says. Attendance is limited to AALL members having five years or less experience and attending their first or second convention. The one-day program has been structured specifically to introduce newer law librarians to the organization, to leaders of AALL and to other law librarians at similar career stages.

Bob Berring, Director of the Law Library at the University of California, Berkeley and past president of AALL, will deliver the keynote address. Rhonda Oziel, References Services Librarian at the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. Library and representative to the Government Relations Committees, will discuss federal information policy and legislation which have far-reaching impact on all law libraries. During the Newer Law Librarians Forum, participants from the CONELL Class of '91 will speak briefly from their vantage point as a "not quite so new" law librarian. Highlighting the SIS/Committee Marketplace will be the opportunity for each participant to discuss their ideas, concerns, and interests with representatives of AALL's Committees and Special Interest Sections. Capping the day, the afternoon will feature lunch aboard a Hornblower Dining Yacht cruising on San Francisco Bay, providing each attendee an opportunity to network with their colleagues from across the country. If you want to get in on the action, watch for your AALL convention mailing and register for CONELL.

AALL News

AALL Membership Reminders

1. All AALL members should have received the mailing about the 1992 edition of the AALL Biographical Directory. It included a two-sided form to be filled out and returned by Monday, March 16, 1992, as well as a pre-publication order form. Please call AALL headquarters immediately at (312)939-4764 or FAX (312) 431-1097 to report a missing copy or ask for extras. Make sure this important and long-out-of-print directory contains every important entry by returning your promptly.
2. AALL announces its Annual Membership Sale. As of March 1, 1992, a new AALL member may join the Association, with full membership privileges for only \$28.75. That's one-fourth of the regular annual dues amount. This amount insures registration for the Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the member price, and will allow new members to be included in the 1992 Biographical Directory.

This is the time to consider joining for those who are not now members. For those who are AALL members, this is the time to "Pass the Word" to other law librarians and interested associates. Write to AALL, P.O. Box 94340, Chicago, Illinois 60678-9340.

AALL Seeking Nomination Suggestions

The AALL Nominations Committee is in the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1993 AALL election. This year candidates are for the offices of Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Executive Board. The Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates that reflects the diversity of the Association's membership. It is increasingly difficult to fulfill this charge without the assistance of the membership. Each AALL member is invited and urged to submit the names of those he/she feels should be considered as potential candidates. To propose members for candidacy, send a letter, accompanied by a resume of professional activities and any other supporting material to any member of the Nominations Committee or to AALL Headquarters by May 1, 1992. NOCALL member Cosette Sun (Alameda County Law Library, Court House, 1225 Fallon St., Room 200, Oakland 94612) is a member of the Nominating Committee.

Membership News

The long awaited 1991-92 NOCALL Membership Directory has just been delivered from the printer. I hope to have them in the mail by the last week of January or the first week of February. The contents are current as of November 1, 1991, so please be sure to save these membership news announcements in order to keep current with new members and changes for continuing members. We now have 395 members.

Please note the following correction:

The Grants Committee Chair is Marian Sawyer and the Public Relations Committee Chair is Bev Lipton

Please send any changes of address or other information to me at my firm address: Jean Aronovitz, Library Manager, Cooley, Godward et al., 5 Palo Square, 4th Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

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