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President's Message

Greetings! and Happy New Year! We're more than halfway through our NOCALL year and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about upcoming events and current issues facing our chapter.

Upcoming Events

There are several educational programs to look forward to. First, the annual Institute which will be held March 20 and 21 (see Brent's article on page 19) and two tentative programs sponsored by the NOCALL Education Committee — one luncheon program and one half-day program. The May business meeting will be held at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley, on Thursday, May 15.

If It's a New Year, It's a Fresh Start

As I write this message, the new year has begun, bringing with it new expectations, both personal and professional. I know that striking the balance between work and home is a continuing challenge for all of us, and as a result, finding the time to volunteer for a NOCALL Committee takes a back seat. Nevertheless, I am still optimistic that some members will step forward to Chair one of the two committees that remain vacant — the Public Relations Committee and the Technology Committee (formerly the Internet Committee). Keep in mind,

that as Chair of a committee you are not alone. Your Board Member Liaison will be with you all the way in providing you with guidance and support. If you are interested in finding out more about chairing these Committees, please call me.

Communications Issues

A major issue for our chapter is communicating among ourselves. NOCALL News provides us with useful information, but because it is published only 5 times per year, it is not the most effective means of communicating quickly, particularly for information that is time-sensitive. One suggestion that has been made is to use the NOCALL listserv, instead of the mail,

to notify members of business meetings and nominations, but maintain a mailing list only for those members who do not have e-mail access. If we move in this direction, we can reduce our postage costs. I will explore this issue with the Board, and any one of us would appreciate hearing from you on how we can improve our communications.

I look forward to a productive rest of the year. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs and committee members for their continuing hard work. ♦



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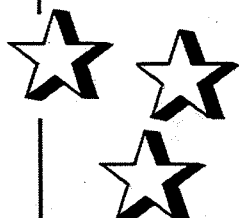
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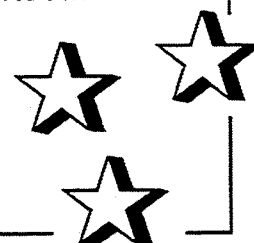
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Musings from Mark

Mark Mackler, Kenney & Markowitz

Dodging the Bullet... You might be the very best law librarian in the whole wide world, but it occurs to me that if your law firm or company is sinking, there's very little you can do about it. Speaking for myself, I've never, in my eleven years of practice, feared losing my job due to my own incompetence. However, I've found myself in work situations where "the tumbleweeds" were blowing around, and I didn't know what to do — except to begin looking for another job. It's a situation I know others of you have faced, and it's certainly very unpleasant. I don't really know why I'm bringing this up now, except for the fact that on one day a few months ago I bumped into two individuals from two of my previous firms. Keep your skills and resumes up to date! If you have any thoughts on this, I'll be glad to share them with everyone.

Remember Anne Bingaman?... Anne was the Justice Department's top trustbuster. Her successor is Joel Klein. Business Week suggests that he'll be "less fervent and more deliberative" than his predecessor. Excuse me, but in light of the West-Thomson merger and the other publishing mergers, it's hard for me to imagine how anyone in DOJ could be less fervent! By the way, don't miss the September American Lawyer. Nifty article called "How Thomson Walked Away with West."

Remember Harry Abrams?... Harry Abrams, owned by Times Mirror, is the world-famous publisher of art books. In a previous Musings, I told you that Mark Willes, the not-so-beloved chair of Times Mirror, had told the Abrams staff that they would be put up for sale unless they could improve their bottom line. Well, on September 4, Willes announced that he was looking for a buyer for Abrams. The crime? Abrams was unable to raise its annual earnings to the 12% level that Willes had set for it. Willes has often said that keeping weak divisions undermines the strong ones.



What? Another Golden Gate Story?... Well, in a way. Some of you might remember that I work part-time at Golden Gate Law. Over the course of the past several Sundays, I have been helping a disabled student with a major paper she is preparing. It's been a real eye-opener for me. Did you ever see a patron try to maneuver a wheelchair through the aisles and stacks, especially when they're blocked by chairs? Did you ever see a patron try to reach a book which is on the very top shelf? As I said, this has been a real education for me, and it's served to make me more sensitive to library design issues.



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NOCALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1996

November 1	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
November 5	Tuesday	NOCALL Fall Workshop Image is Everything: Packaging Electronic Information, Marines' Memorial, S.F.
November 14	Thursday	SLA / Jim Van Buskirk, SFPL at the Alumni Reception Center, Hastings College, S.F.
December 4	Wednesday	SLA / S.F. and San Andreas joint dinner meeting at the Airport Marriott, Burlingame
December 6	Friday	Executive Board Meeting

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January 14 or 15	Tuesday or Wednesday	SLA / meeting TBA
January 10	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
January 17	Friday	NOCALL Business Meeting, Marines' Memorial, S.F.
February 13 or 20	Thursday	SLA / meeting Joan Ryan, S.F. Chronicle columnist
February 14	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
March 14	Friday	Ballots due back to Secretary
March 18	Tuesday	Executive Board Meeting / Counting Ballot
March 20 and 21	Thursday & Friday	Spring Institute, "Charting New Frontiers" at Sheraton Concord
April 1	Monday	Deadline to notify elected persons

April 13 - 19	All Week	National Library Week = Promote your library!
April 18, 19 or 20		SLA / meeting TBA
April 18	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
May 15	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting / NOCALL Annual Business Meeting, Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley
June 7 - 12		SLA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
June 16	Monday	Due date for Board members to turn over files & records to newly elected officer
June 26 - July 3		ALA Annual Conference, S.F.
July 19 - 24	Saturday - Thursday	AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD

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March	NOCALL / SCALL Joint Institute in Monterey, CA
July 11-16	AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

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July 17th - 22nd	AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
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July 15th - 20th	AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
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The 1996 NOCALL Workshop

Image is Everything: Packaging Electronic Information

— Leslie Ann Forrester, Murphy, Weir & Butler, San Francisco —

The NOCALL Fall Workshop, "Image Is Everything: Packaging Electronic Information," was held on November 6, at the elegant Merchant's Marine Hall Crystal Ballroom at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco.

Jenny Kanji, Chair of the Education Committee, made all the arrangements which included a wonderful breakfast spread of healthy muffins and fruit, plus — yay — donuts!

The first half of the morning was devoted to packaging information on the Web. Kevin Lee

Thomason, JD and CEO of The Seamless Website, organized his discussion around his "The Seven Seas (C's)": Concept (what's the page for?), Content (what is going to be in it?), Creation (how is it going to get there?), Code (yikes!), Continuation (who's going to keep it current?), Control (access, style, security), and Contact (use of "e-mail click" requires some thought, etc.).

Then he turned to his "Home Page Ten Commandments." I would be stealing Kevin's thunder by repeating them all here! Finally he settled into a discussion of considerations of what goes into creating a good law firm home page with some really good tips. (Visit the URL at the end of the article for Kevin's hand-outs.)

In the second part of the workshop, Jenny Wu, McKenna & Cuneo, treated us to a multi-media presentation, "So—You

Want to Be a Desktop Publisher" using a laptop computer and overhead transparencies. Jenny started with a history of desktop publishing and continued with the advantages of desktop publishing over creating documents using a word processing program. The advantages are the publications will look more professional and more interesting, there will be

greater flexibility in creating the document, and recently cheaper, easier programs have become available..

Some of the the disadvantages are cost, the training curve and computer memory space.

Jenny dazzled us with examples she has created for her firm including library newsletters, a Banned Books Week

promotion, and for her local PTA, an award-winning newsletter which she used to demonstrate the rules and guidelines of desktop publishing. Here are some of Jenny's rules:

- * Tread the line between consistency and variety.
- * Uniform typeface, size & spacing among like items (headlines, captions, text)
- * Contrast increases impact.
- * Stand back and look at the document as a whole.
- * Column size should be about the length of the alphabet typed 1 and 1/2 times in lowercase letters. Use smaller type in a narrow column; larger in wider.
- * 12-point type looks best in a 23-pica column
- * DON'T USE ALL CAPS IN HEAD-

LINES. It is hard to read.

- * Limit fonts to 2-3 per piece.
- * Use bold sparingly; it darkens the page.
- * White space provides contrast and allows the eyes to rest.

And that's just a few! Her handout includes a bibliography. I am now inspired to make my humdrum library publications more spiffy.

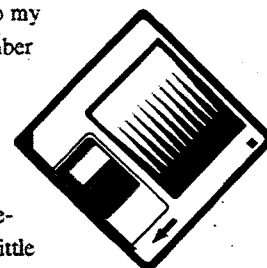
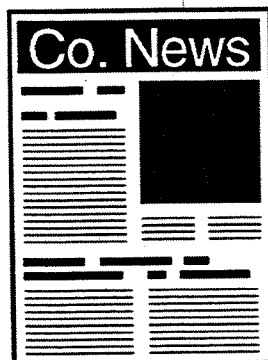
The program continued with Jono Jones from APS (Attorney Printing Supply) who spoke briefly on how he and others in the graphics department of APS work along with law firms, corporations, and other institutions to create printed pieces. Jono pointed out that although many companies are using Windows, most design companies are still devoted to Macintosh operating systems. This is not an insurmountable problem, but the names of fonts may not translate exactly, so make sure you send them a print copy of data in addition to the disk. There are still many things a printer can do that a small time desktop publishing set up can't, for instance, printing mass quantities.

All in all, it was a morning well spent, everything went off without a hitch thanks to the panelists and to NOCALL Education Committee Chair.

Jenny Kanji, and to my co-committee member Cella Mitchell (Landels, Ripley & Diamond).

Oh, and a special thanks to my little color desk-jet printer, which worked so hard to produce all 450 of those invitations. ♦

(Workshop materials are available at <http://www.nocall.org/calendarold.html>)



Renaming of Law Library in Honor of Bernard E. Witkin

A November 19, 1996 news release submitted by

— Cossette Sun, Law Library Director of the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library —

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has approved renaming the Alameda County Law Library as the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library. Supervisor Mary E. King presented a formal resolution on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to Mrs. Alba Witkin, surviving wife of the late Bernard ("Bernie") Witkin, who passed away in 1995. The Law Library's Board of Trustees approved the renaming during its meeting on October 29, 1996.

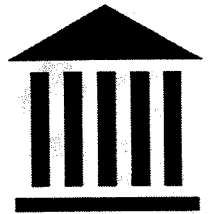
Bernard E. Witkin, LL.B. graduate of Boalt Hall in 1928, was widely praised by his colleagues as a giant in the legal profession. Bernie Witkin sought every opportunity to share his enormous wealth of knowledge about California law as a lecturer and a speaker, especially with the California Continuing Education of the Bar. He was instrumental in establishing the California Center for Judicial Education and Research in Berkeley, and conducted numerous bar review courses during his lifetime.

Bernie Witkin was the author of an extensive and continuing series of treatises on decisions of the California Supreme Court.

His published works are so authoritative that they have been widely used not only in California, but in many other states as well. As a measure of the gentleman's character, Bernie Witkin was almost as widely known for his philanthropic largesse as for his tremendous contributions to jurisprudence.

The new name will apply to the first and second floors of the County's 12th and Oak building, at 125 12th Street, where the Law Library is located. The third and fourth floors will continue as separately named entities since they are not affiliated with the Law Library. The Law Library's new official name will soon be prominently displayed at the 12th Street entrance to the building.

The Law Library is privileged to bestow honor upon Bernard E. Witkin by dedicating the library in his name. It is particularly fitting that Bernie Witkin's name be attached to an institution committed to learning and furthering knowledge, since those were the hallmarks of his own life. ♦



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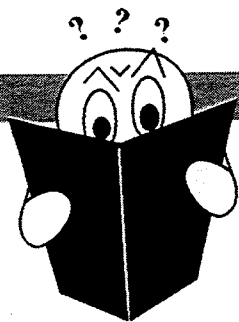
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What are YOU Reading? ?

by Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May, Oakland

I just finished *The Tenth Insight*, by James Redfield. This is the sequel to *The Celestine Prophecy*. I have enjoyed both books. I tend to like spiritual quests and this was an entertaining and imaginative one. It presents an interesting future vision of the evolution of our species and planet.
— Prano Amjadi, Heafey Law Library

I am currently reading *Cover to Cover* by Shereen LaPlantz. It is a book on "creative techniques for making beautiful books, journals & albums." I really enjoy doing hand crafts and love beautiful paper and thought that I would give this a try. The photos of handmade books are so delicious that one can easily see why books are so interesting as an art form.
— Marlowe Griffiths, Howard Rice, et al.

We moved this summer, and after a long day of opening boxes an engrossing murder mystery seemed to be in order. I enjoy serial mysteries, and just finished *The Christie Capers* by Carolyn G. Hart. Her stories take place in a town on the Outer Banks of South Carolina, where the protagonist and her husband own a murder mystery bookstore called Death on Demand, which, coincidentally, was the title of Ms. Hart's first book. They also solve local mysteries. This novel in particular pays homage to Agatha Christie. Many characters from other detective fiction are woven into the story lines, which makes it a doubly fun read; these books appeal to librarians and mystery readers alike!
— Mary Hood, Heafey Law Library

I just read a book called *The Feel of Silence* by Betty P. Tucker. Ms. Tucker is a professor of law and is profoundly deaf and has been since birth. She writes about her education - as a lawyer and as a deaf person in a hearing world. She was a litigation partner at Brown and Bain. She does not sign, but uses a combination of lip reading, oral speech, and hearing interpreters. She writes about aspects of being deaf which I had never considered. I recommended the book to my mother who had taught hard-of-hearing and deaf kids for years (she doesn't sign). She thought it was a very important book and was buying it for a deaf friend of hers. My mom realized after

? reading the book that the reason her friend thought my mom was such a fantastic friend was because my mom didn't treat
? her any differently. Everyone else let the deafness get in the way. — Peg LaFrance, USF Law Library
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The Deep End of the Ocean, by Jacqueline Mitchard.
? The story is difficult one, especially if you have children, but
? worth reading. A three year old boy is kidnapped while in his
? mother's care in broad daylight. As the years progress and the
? family struggles to continue living, the author describes, with
? tremendous insight and psychological detail, how such a
? crime can affect each individual within the family, and the
? family structure itself. It is both heartbreaking and hopeful.
— Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May
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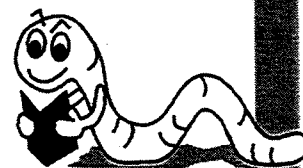
The book I just finished reading (and really liked) was a travel compilation which I reviewed for Library Journal. The title is *Pass the Butterworms: Remote Journeys Oddly Rendered*, by Tim Cahill, an editor for Outside Magazine and contributor to Rolling Stone. (NY: Villard Books). He takes a humorous, self-mocking attitude to his sometimes strange travels, but always respects the places and people he visits, no matter how odd they appear at first glance. How is this for a teaser? A nice review for a book which will not be published until March 1997!
— Mary Ann Parker, California Department of Water Resources
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Editor's note: If you enjoy off-beat travel books, here are two worth reading: Pico Iyer, *Video Nights in Kathmandu*, and Stuart Stevens, *Night Train to Turkistan*, a very funny recollection of a modern day trek along the Silk Road.
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? If you'd like to contribute a description of what's currently residing on your reading table, please contact me, Nora Levine, via e-mail at nls@chrn.com, or by phone at (510) 466-6195. Otherwise, you never know when you might be asked, "What are YOU reading?"
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The Card Catalog, the Mission of the San Francisco Public Library, and the Corporate Agenda

— By Michael Ginsborg, California Supreme Court —

Disclaimer: This article represents the opinions of the author only.

In September, the Library Commission of the San Francisco Public Library considered several proposals for moving its card catalog from the old Main building. The controversy over the card catalog began shortly after the New Main Library opened in April, when City Librarian Ken Dowlin, ever the consummate fund-raiser, determined that the catalog was surplus property of the city and favored selling it to the highest bidder at a celebrity auction. At its November 5th meeting, the Commission recommended to Dowlin that the Main Library move the card catalog to the Library Annex. The Library Annex is an underground room next to Civic Center's Brooks Hall, a large facility that lies below Fulton Street between Larkin and Hyde. Activists committed to saving the catalog preferred keeping it on the sixth floor of the New Main, near the San Francisco Historical Room. Although Dowlin must approve the Commission's recommendation, Commission President Steve Coulter has reportedly said that the move is "a done deal."

NOCALL should have taken a stand on the disposition of the card

catalog. Despite appearances, more is at stake than a sentimental, if ante-diluvian, attachment to a relic of a bygone era. From a survey of major urban public libraries, the San Francisco Public Library found that it was the last one to retain a card catalog. So the larger issue concerns what new role public libraries have assumed by replacing card catalogs with online catalogs, and whether

Investment in electronic technologies matters also, but less than the overriding priority of preserving the intellectual life of the past for the benefit of posterity.

librarians like us should in effect support that role by overlooking or neglecting our duty to speak out. One might even speculate that our failure to engage in the debate over the card catalog reveals disturbing allegiances.

Let's examine competing views about the roles of

a public library, even at the risk of oversimplification. A public library can be a research library or a "current needs" library, or lie somewhere in between. A research library advances Benjamin Disraeli's ideal - that "the more extensive a man's knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do." The research library has as its first priority the preservation of access to scholarly books, rare documents, and infrequently used materials. Investment in

electronic technologies matters also, but less than the overriding priority of preserving the intellectual life of the past for the benefit of posterity.

In a letter to the Chronicle, Dowlin recently said that the San Francisco Public Library is not a research facility, even though it has had a long and distinguished tradition of fulfilling a reference and research function. According to writer and library activist Nicholson Baker, Dowlin has championed a "leveled access" approach to a public library collection. Dowlin's approach leads to what he calls a large, generally accessible collection that is designed essentially to be current material, if you will - mass selections, current material relevant to San Francisco needs. "On this view, a public library tries to balance demands on its budget in deference to whatever will serve the perceived information needs of the moment, and obviously that means heavy investment in "information technology." But investment in electronic formats tends to consume an ever larger, and sometimes disproportionate, share of the library budget. Consequently, a "leveled access" library will have fewer resources left for maintaining its research function, and will look for ways to cut costs in that area, by reducing hours, staffing, and acquisitions. A few librarians - and they are very few - have even had the temerity to suggest that current needs libraries, those self-glorified "information centers," have abandoned

learning, knowledge and mental cultivation to the lowest common denominator of information, information, information. And they have offended sensibilities by linking this *reductio ad absurdum* of the mind to corporate profit, because it seems to them that posterity loses the inestimable benefits of a research library to the more pressing need of the technology vendors for increased market share.

What is the mission of the Main Library if it relegates its 79-year old card catalog to an underground annex, where it will be conveniently out of the public's way? In a current needs library, items with irreplaceable historical value occupy a precarious position because frequency of use determines how long the library will keep them. Now suppose that a card catalog as old as the Main Library's has such value, because it affords a permanent "snapshot" of local and state bibliographic history, much in the same manner as Bancroft Library's "Catalog of Printed Books." (The argument I am sketching here owes much to Nicholson Baker's, differing in only emphasis: either Baker does not emphasize bibliographic history enough, or I am misreading him.) The Library is almost certain to move the catalog to a remote place that few people would visit even without likely restrictions on access. Apparently, partisans of "leveled access" have won another victory for their vision of the Library's future. Commissioner Lonnie Chin, not aiming to patronize or disparage, has identified defenders of the card catalog as "history buffs," and has urged them to understand that "sometimes we have to bite the bullet and say this is the new age and we have to utilize the technology we have."

Not surprisingly, Steve Coulter

agrees. President of the Commission since 1988, he is also public affairs vice-president of Pacific Telesis. He has thus peddled the commitment of Pacific Telesis, and its subsidiary, Pacific Bell, to build another bridge to the future. That bridge will carry traffic on the Information Superhighway for California's businesses, public libraries and educational institutions; and Pacific Telesis will charge much of the toll if it manages to dominate the market for digital ISDN service.

So perhaps

Coulter's company has a higher, if unstated, goal than displaying corporate generosity with its Education First Initiative. This bonanza in public relations and advertisement promises "free digital telephone lines and service to be used in support of curriculum-based activities for approximately 9,000 K-12 schools, public libraries and community colleges in Pacific Bell's service territory. As part of this offer, Pacific Bell will wire up to two locations within each institution for data and video applications, install service for free, and waive Pacific Bell's monthly and usage charges for one year after installation"

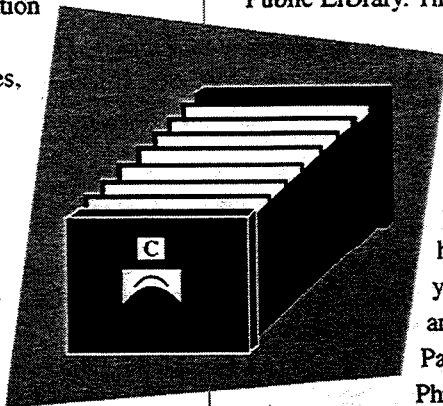
After a year of "free" service ends, Education First participants may discontinue the service without penalty, but Pacific Bell anticipates that "most institutions are likely to want to continue the service after discovering the many benefits." Eager to please, the company will charge these institutions a "special ISDN discount rate"; the company has not, strange to say, disclosed how long the special rate will last.

When the New Main opened,

Coulter said that it is "more important than ever that Pacific Bell reinforce the public's awareness of our commitment to the city and people with whom we do business." And just possibly he did not miss a marketing opportunity at the San Francisco Public Library. Through its

Education First Initiative

Pacific Bell has equipped the Library with videoconferencing hardware for one year at no cost. Is it any wonder that Pacific Telesis CEO Phil Quigley has



extolled the virtues of business-library partnerships? A special partnership with the Library allows Pacific Telesis to promote use of information technology and...the products of Pacific Telesis. By helping make the Library and other public institutions fashionable models of its technology, the company can reasonably expect to gain new customers, starting with the Library itself among the recipients of Education First largesse.

Of course, it would be nonsense to imply that Steve Coulter's company has somehow bought the Library or to deny that the online catalog and videoconferencing capacity enriches the Library. But the impending fate of the card catalog, and "biting the bullet" for technology, has unpleasant implications, and we had better pay attention. If we turn the other way, and pretend that nothing is amiss, it will begin to appear that we not only condone all this unseemliness, but have been co-opted by an agenda that was never ours, until the "library levelers" and their corporate sponsors invited us to join the party, leaving posterity to pick up the tab. ♦



NOCALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 1996

The meeting was held at the offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen at 3 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Present were: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Donna Purvis, Marlowe Griffiths, Donna Williams & Mark Mackler. Alice McKenzie was absent. Jo called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. **WELCOME.** Jo welcomed the Executive Board.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of 7/22/96 were approved as submitted.

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

Board Liaisons - Liaisons are responsible for following through on reminders, deadlines and making sure duties are being carried out. Board liaison assignments are as follows:

Jo: AALL liaison, Constitution & Bylaws, Newsletter, Education.

Donna P.: Academic Relations, Government Relations.

Brent: Placement, Spring Institute.

Marlowe: Audit & Budget, Grants, Membership.

Donna W.: Archives, Nominations, Public Access

Mark: Consulting, Network Task Force, Union List

Alice: Internet, Public Relations, Youth Opportunity

Fundraising Project - Discussed looking at the 1995-96 year and making a list of vendors, events and amounts donated. Use a similar list to distribute to vendors this year so they can budget accordingly and plan ahead. Marlowe will pull the figures together and will work with Alice to prepare the list. Jo asked how the treasurer's books are kept, by committee, etc. Marlowe explained that they are kept in various sections with certain categories all in date order. It was agreed upon to get a new ledger and keep track of expenses and income by committee and to also have a standard form for check requests.

Joint SCALL / NOCALL Institute Update - Brent submitted a memo on the Institute after having met with Dan Martin, SCALL President. We discussed having a joint institute in Monterey in March 1998. A motion was made and passed unanimously to have a joint meeting with SCALL in Monterey in the Spring of 1998. (Resolution 1996-9).

SFPL Card Catalog Issue - Mark reported that the S.F. Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the retention of the catalog. The Library Commission then allocated \$5,000 to store the

old card catalog for historical purposes. Mark also pointed out that information which most law librarians use, such as government documents, are well protected. Since this seems to satisfy the situation, the Board will not take further action. Mark did recommend that if individuals want to voice their opinions about the card catalog, they should do so. He will write a short article for the next NOCALL News to explain the situation.

Procedures Manual - Donna W. submitted a copy of the manual on disk to Jo so she can have her word processing department finalize pagination. Jo was concerned that the Manual may not be complete and/or a true "policies & procedures" manual. Donna W. explained that it is a living document to be changed each year if necessary. Donna W. felt it should be sent out to be copied in its present form and distributed to all committee chairs at the NOCALL Planning Meeting in September so we at least have a starting place since it has been a year in the planning stage. We looked at the SLA Manual and felt their tabs, with the committees printed on the tabs, were a good idea. Jo will check into the tabs as well.

4. **NEW BUSINESS.**

West Decathlon - Brent reported that he asked Bill Lindberg for a list of the scores, but he had not heard back from him. Marlene may put a picture of the NOCALL Decathlon team in the next NOCALL News.

Fall Business Meeting on 9/12 - The meeting will be held at the McCutchen Offices. The Business meeting will be from 3 - 3:30 p.m., a short break for refreshments from 3:30 to 3:45 and the Town Hall meeting from 3:45 to 5 p.m. We discussed topics such as: recruiting new members, professional development & educational programs, electronic or print version of the newsletter, how is NOCALL meeting needs. Jo's plan is to ask 5 or 6 leading questions, discuss them on the NOCALL listserv so people are ready to discuss matters at the meeting.

Planning Meeting on 9/21 - This meeting will also be held at the McCutchen Offices from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We discussed what the meeting should stress. The idea is to pull together com-

mittees so they can work more effectively together. We decided to have a speaker on team leadership training and tips in the morning with a short break to get things started. Then, ideas carried over from the Town Hall Meeting will help in the long range planning of NOCALL. Ideas brought up that the Town Hall Meeting will have to be incorporated into the necessary committees. Lunch will be provided.

[Exit Marlowe at 1:30 p.m.]

COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Newsletter Committee - Jo put another plea for an editor on the NOCALL listserv. Marlene Harmon has graciously agreed to produce one last newsletter. Jo is looking at the possibility of outsourcing production of the newsletter since it is a very time consuming task and no one is willing to take on the responsibility. Chris Olsen, a marketing specialist Jo spoke with, said that if the ad revenues cover 2/3's the cost of production, that is acceptable.

Archives - Jo recommended that we review and update the procedures set up in 1983. We should have a list of documents and retention schedules for all chairs. Also, any news clippings should be kept in archives as well.

Spring Institute - Brent sent out a survey over the NOCALL listserv and received 23 responses. Working from this list and the questionnaire results of the last Institute, it was general consensus that a Thursday / Friday Institute works best overall. As for location, something central for all members, with public transportation available, was an essential factor. The Board discussed possibilities and decided to stick with San Francisco.

Government Relations - Donna P. reported that the final vote on S.B. 1507 is scheduled for August 26. Cathy Hardy explained to Donna P. that in order to make the last vote, the bill unfortunately got "watered down" with regards to requiring agencies to send materials to the State Archives. Agencies will now be required to retain their own records or to send them to the State Archives. NOCALL is also formally supporting S.B. 1910, but with reservations. Finally, Cathy Hardy brought it to Donna P.'s attention that we might want to be involved in the legislation for the Library of California. Barbara Will was looking for library associations to be involved in a group meeting to review the proposed legislation. Since that falls under what Todd Bennett is working on with the Network Task Force, Todd will be notified.

Education - Jo reported that Jenny Kanji has accepted the Education Chair position. Jo is encouraging Jenny to keep it simple with a possibility of a half day session. Jenny is looking at October 30 as a target date and is checking into locations.

Calendar Review - Donna W. mailed out the NOCALL calendar of Executive Board Meetings throughout the 1996-97 year to all Executive Board members. Added to the calendar will be the Fall

Workshop and the Joint Spring Institute with SCALL in 1998.
SF PLL under NOCALL - A request was made to Alice to have the S.F. Private Law Librarians under NOCALL, a kind of Special Interest Section (SIS). The Board briefly discussed the drain of energy on members, the liability and cost, and the question of how we would then deal with separate regions, i.e.: the Peninsula Law Librarians, Sacramento Law Librarians, etc. Moved to unfinished business.

AALL UPDATE:

Chapter Alliance Document - Jo distributed a document from AALL that we need to review and comment on to Jo by Thursday, August 29. It deals with AALL's educational programs, training, communication and interaction.

Chapter Visit - Anne Grande, AALL Treasurer, will be our AALL visitor / speaker this year at the January Business Meeting.

Leadership Training at AALL - The strategic plan is in the mail and hasn't been received yet.

SLA Dinner - Jo received a letter that the SLA joint dinner meeting is being taken care of by the S.F. Chapter this year. Briefly discussed whether NOCALL should still participate in the dinners since most members who are interested in attending the meetings are already SLA members. Donna W. suggested this be a topic at the Town Hall Meeting. Moved to unfinished business.
Mail Delivery Problems - Jo reported that she is having problems with receiving mail from Lysander's Mail Central. Since we have had problems in the past with this company, the Board agreed it would be fine if Jo looked into an alternative. Mark has dealt with P.O. boxes for SLA and will discuss the details with Jo.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

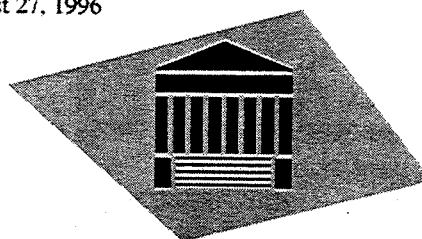
Mark brought up the possibility of having a liaison to the S.F. Public Library. Nina Porcella has expressed an interest. Moved to unfinished business. Mark wants to know what the NOCALL Board member's legal status, liability and responsibilities are. As a group, we weren't sure they have ever been defined but thought is a good idea to do so. Moved to unfinished business.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Jo adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary
August 27, 1996



NOCALL Fall Business Meeting Minutes September 12, 1996

The meeting was held at the offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen at 3 Embarcadero Center. S.F. Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 30 attendees.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

We did not have a quorum (Bylaws: Article III. Section 4). A motion was moved to suspend the Bylaws. It was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the Business Meeting of 5/15/96 as published in the NOCALL News. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE CHAPTER.

Jo reported:

The educational program planning is in progress. Jenny Kanji is the Committee Chair and she is looking for volunteers.

The Government Relations Committee has done an outstanding job in getting our bill, S.B. 1507, to the Governor's desk. We anxiously await his signature by September 30, 1996.

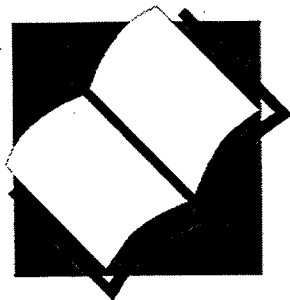
The Executive Board is in the process of coordinating a fundraising plan.

Anne Grande, AALL Treasurer, will be our guest speaker at the January Business meeting.

In the interest of time, there will be no formal committee reports at this business meeting. However, there are some committees that still are looking for members, so it is not too late to volunteer. The two new Executive Board position members were welcomed, Mark Mackler and Alice McKenzie.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Marlowe Griffiths reported the chapter is in good standing. A report was submitted which showed a balance on 5/31/96 of \$14,367.61. Income was \$8,840.67 and expenses were \$2,430.72 leaving a balance on 9/11/96 as \$20,777.56



4. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Union List - Todd Bennett happily announced that the Union List is at the printers and order forms are in the mail.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer announced that if you haven't renewed your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. The longer the delay, the longer it takes to get the Membership directory to press.

Spring Institute - Brent Bernau announced that we will have a joint meeting with SCALL in the Spring of 1998 in Monterey. Also, the Board has approved the S.F. area as the location for the 1997 Spring Institute. Brent is checking with the Convention Bureau for meeting places. He also called for volunteers.

Newsletter - Jo announced that Marleen Harmon graciously offered to produce one more newsletter, the September/October 1996 issue. We are checking into the possibility of outsourcing the production of the newsletter to make it less time consuming for the editor. Jo called for volunteers.

Government Relations - Cathy Hardy reported that the bill NOCALL is co-sponsoring, S.B. 1507, is at the Governor's desk waiting for his signature. The committee is also working with the Law Revision Commission to revise how records are kept. They are listening and very open to new ideas. Finally, Cathy wanted to formally thank all members who sent letters of support and called their representatives urging support for S.B. 1507. She also thanked the committee, especially Judy Janes and Carolina Rose for the hours they devoted. As Carolina put it "You never want to watch sausages or bills being made!"

Education - Jenny Kanji said she is in the process of working on the Fall Workshop. She called for volunteers.

AALL, PLL-SIS - Nancy Adams announced that she is in charge of the Private Law Librarians - Special Interest Section's educational programs for the 1998 AALL Annual Meeting in Anaheim and welcomes any ideas or suggestions.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary
September 13, 1996

NOCALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 1996

The meeting was held at the offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen at 3 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Present were: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Donna Purvis, Marlowe Griffiths, Donna Williams, Mark Mackler & Alice McKenzie. Jo called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of 8/23/96 approved as submitted.

2. NEW BUSINESS.

Approval of the Budget - Discussed the budget proposed by the Audit & Budget committee. The Board went through each committee's listed figures comparing them with information each Board member liaison gathered from this year's committee chairs. Recalculated overall expenses versus income and revised the proposed budget.

[Exit Alice at 1:20 p.m.]

Total projected expenses are \$55,580 and projected income is \$56,000. Budget approved as recalculated.

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe submitted the treasurer's report for the 1st quarter, a report as of September 12 (from the Fall Business Meeting), and as of October 17, 1996. The Board discusses the idea of having the treasurer's report match the budget and add details for each committee's expenses and income.

Placement - Brent spoke with Mary Staats, Chair. She will be making two different kinds of listings, regular and agency. An agency listing is for companies who charge fees for placement. These companies will not be sent the placement file of resumes.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Spring Institute - Brent held a site selection meeting with 8 NOCALL members. He reviewed all the options with the Board. Twelve hotels in downtown San Francisco that were contacted through the Convention Bureau all sent letters stating they could not accommodate us. Brent narrowed it down to four places: Raddison in Japantown; Sheraton in Concord; Marriot in Walnut Creek; and the Henry J. Kiaser Auditorium at Lake Merriot. After discussing each location in detail, the Board agreed the Marriot was a good first choice and the Sheraton was a good second choice.

[Exit Mark at 2:35 p.m.]

Brent has not yet reviewed the responses on topics for the Institute which he received from the survey he put in the NOCALL News and on the NOCALL listserv.

Next Board Meeting - Our next Board meeting will be on November 1 at Donna P.'s office.

4. ADJOURNMENT. Jo adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary
October 21, 1996

NOCALL Town Hall Meeting September 12, 1996

The meeting was held at the offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen at 3 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 50 attendees. Jo explained the purpose of the town hall meeting. First, since we have grown to over 400 members it seemed like a good time to do a reality check. Second, that planning will keep NOCALL healthy, and by getting feedback, we will be able to develop a strategic plan. Some of the ideas we can implement now, some may become part of a long-range plan, and others will be assigned to the Board or a committee for further action. The meeting was divided into 5 main questions.

1. What is NOCALL's Mission?

Does our current statement reflect NOCALL's purpose? Are there any questions or issues that need to be raised about the mission? Discussion lead by Donna Purvis.

NOCALL Constitution, Article II. Object, and Bylaws Article I.
Object: (as it reads now:)

This Chapter is established as a nonprofit organization to promote law librarianship and information services, to develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the law library profession, and to promote the exchange of information and ideas among those law libraries in California north of the northern boundaries of Kern, San Bernardino and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Possibly add to the mission statement ideas such as: Education, Documentation, Outside associations, Outreach services, and Leadership. One librarian commented on having partnerships with other organizations. Another librarian commented that if we modify the mission statement, we should retain the essence of the existing one.

2. Who are our members?

In what ways have our members changed? Discussion lead by Alice McKenzie.

Consultants, Information Brokers, Computer Service Librarians, Vendors representing various types of products (online & cd's), Public Librarians and other types of libraries, Library School students, Outsourced staffs, para-professionals and part timers in high tech firms.

How can we get our existing members involved in serving on a committee?

- ☛ List a brief description of the committees duties in the NOCALL News.
- ☛ Provide a list of tasks, short term that people can volunteer for without feeling obligated to serve full time on a committee.
- ☛ Like CONELL, introduce committees to members in a meeting where all committees and chairs are present and able to discuss the charge of the committee.
- ☛ Use NOCALL listserv to announce or ask for committee help.
- ☛ Contact individuals by telephone.

What are your professional development needs?

- ☛ Leadership skills
- ☛ Substantive topics

3. What is value?

What do our members consider value? Discussion lead by Brent Bernau.

- ☛ NOCALL listserv
- ☛ Union List
- ☛ NOCALL Web Page
- ☛ Networking
- ☛ Placement
- ☛ Newsletter
- ☛ Legislation monitoring
- ☛ Mentorship
- ☛ Workshops & Institutes
- ☛ Discounts (Gaylord, Brodart, etc.)
- ☛ Leadership Opportunities

Does NOCALL provide value to its members?

- ☛ Depends on the committee and how well the chair is organized

- ☛ NOCALL meets needs better than AALL

How much value (minimal, moderate, maximum) do the following NOCALL activities hold for you now?

NOCALL News	-----max.
NOCALL Workshops	-----max.
Institute	-----max.
January Business Meeting	-----mod.
Government Relations Committee	-----max.
Union List Committee	-----max.
NOCALL Listserv	-----max.
Internet Committee	-----max.
Placement Committee	-----max.
Public Relations Committee	-----max.
Grants	-----max.
NOCALL/SLA joint dinner meeting	-----min./mod.
NOCALL/SCALL joint Institute	-----mod./max.
Reception at AALL	-----mod.
Membership Directory List	-----max.
Public Relations (to members)	-----mod.
Public Relations (to community at large)	-----max.

Are there any other questions or issues that need to be raised about value?

- ☛ The previous question would be a good survey to put in the NOCALL News.
- ☛ It might be a good idea to select a few members at random to do a survey focus group.

What are NOCALL's strengths?

- ☛ Cooperative spirit
- ☛ Resource sharing / Interlibrary loans
- ☛ Educational programs
- ☛ Diversity of members

What are NOCALL's weaknesses?

- ☛ NOCALL lacks a formal mentor or buddies program to attract new members
- ☛ Need to give members more library marketing ideas
- ☛ Need to reach SJSU students
- ☛ Geographical dependency on San Francisco
- ☛ Need more education, not just the workshops & institutes. Maybe hold brown bag sessions.
- ☛ Notification on other types of seminars, i.e.: ABA, or Assn. of Legal Administrators

Comments regarding the Institute:

- ☛ Members felt it was important to have the trade show at the Institute
- ☛ Gets members out of the usual office setting
- ☛ Structure fee so that it is easy for students to attend
- ☛ Structure grants differently

4. What is our plan? What, if anything, should we do differently? Discussion lead by Marlowe Griffiths.

- Hold meetings, seminars in different geographical areas
- Have advance notice of location of Institute (It was pointed out that it is difficult to plan the Institute when the location is not close to where the Vice President / President Elect works.)
- Hold seminars at other places besides hotels, i.e.: universities
- Keep vendors in the same room as the seminars (worked out ideal at the Palace)
- Recognize members more, i.e.: send NOCALL note cards
- Need additional programs
- Pick the Education Chair in advance, i.e.: Winter or Spring instead of late Summer or Fall
- NOCALL should approach SJSU and ask what we could do for the students

Which goals could we accomplish in the short term (implement now within 12 months)?

- Start a Buddies or Mentor program
- Do Outreach recruitment
- Market committees to members

Long Term (1 - 3 years)?

- Have a strategic plan
- Implement educational changes

What other information or additional resources, if any, are needed?

- Show how dues are spent (All of us attending agreed that the dues and cost of seminars are a bargain. One only gets out what one puts into it.)
- Have more publicity, articles in NOCALL News, about what it takes to put on an Institute or Educational program
- Bring members into the association by making personal phone calls. This will be discussed more at the planning meeting.
- Decide where vendors fit in. Get them involved in committees. They have specialized skills, i.e.: marketing, that we could all benefit from.

5. Anything Goes . . . Brain storm session. Discussion lead by Mark Mackler.

- Have a SFPL liaison
- Have a procedure, process, or protocol on how NOCALL will take stands on certain issues, i.e.: local library related issues, California state issues. Make a list of the issues available for all members.
- Hold brown bag sessions in geographical areas. It will support professional education and be NOCALL sponsored.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna S. Williams, NOCALL
Secretary
September 16, 1996

Bob Berring Addresses SF Bay Chapter of SLA

On Thursday, October 17, Bob Berring was the featured speaker at the monthly SLA dinner meeting. Bob's topic was "Last Stand for Librarianship." Although I've heard Bob speak many times before, this was the first time I've heard him talk to a group of non-law librarians. From my privileged seat at the head table, I took some notes during Bob's 45-minute talk. Here are a few of the things he said that evening:

✓ Bob used his favorite analogy of baseball. We're in the bottom of the ninth inning, and we're fading fast.

✓ We find ourselves in the middle of an information shift from the book to a variety of media. Today, information is information. The book is nothing special to today's generation.

✓ We've historically viewed our mission as preserver and protector of information. When catalogue cards came into the world, this really was a major and controversial event. Why? Because we were giving up some of our control to the public which we were serving!

✓ But now the book is losing out to electronic media. We now have to move from protector and preserver of information to selector and facilitator. We must keep our end users in mind more than ever before.

✓ Bob was trying to communicate to the audience the gravity and enormity of the West-Thomson deal. He paused and said, "It's as if the Roman Catholic Church had been sold."

✓ Possible solutions won't be coming from the government. They won't be coming from our national professional associations, either. "Trying to work with our national professional associations is like trying to turn a battleship around."

✓ Possible solutions:

Work with the vendors. Why? Because they don't know where things are heading, either. And they are in as much trouble as we are.

Use, use, use your patrons. Use them as leverage in any way you can.

Organize yourselves at the grassroots level. Redefine yourselves, get involved, and organize together.



Public Access News

*Coral Henning, Chair, Public Access Committee
Sacramento County Law Library*

I have been affiliated with the Public Access to Legal Information Committee for approximately 10 years. The committee has had many illustrious members (Karen Toran, Marian Shostrom, David Bridgman, Janice Kelly, Mary Anne Parker, to name a few). We have given workshops to many public libraries (Sonoma, Marin, Salinas, Watsonville, Stockton, Cupertino), cooperative library systems (Bay Area Library and Information System in San Francisco, Mountain-Valley Library System in Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley Library System in Fresno), and special libraries and groups (correctional facilities librarians, biomedical librarians, legal secretaries).

This committee provides customized presentations/workshops on the utilization of basic legal materials, including citation form, court hierarchy, etc. We educate people about the existence of county law libraries, state and local bar associations and other legal referral resources.

To be a member of this committee is a great commitment to make. Great in the sense of the fulfillment that you get when you assist in offering open access to legal information. We try to do three to four presentations a year, but we could do more! We usually have at least 2 members conducting the presentation. This is a classic chance for members to provide OUTREACH and promote law librarianship!

Here are a couple of testimonials from former members:

"I have fond memories of my experience as a member of the Public Access Committee. I was nervous before my talk (to public librarians in Santa Rosa) — had I compiled enough information and would I be able to present it clearly and concisely? However, everything went well and the librarians were so appreciative of our efforts that it was well worth my anxiety. This was a rewarding experience for me. I learned to consolidate my knowledge of a particular subject and received satisfaction in knowing that others benefited from the information I had to give."

— Lille Koski, Derby, Cook, Quinby & Tweedt

"We made two presentations concerning legal research before medical librarians. The audiences were very focused on our presentation and seemed to enjoy the learning experience."

— Greg Fite, Alameda County Law Library & Leigh Donley

Another presentation was to the Northern California and Nevada Medical Libraries Group in Monterey at their annual meeting in 1990. They paid for us to stay overnight at the Doubletree Hotel!

Membership in the committee gave us many fine memories to cherish and it helped us expand our network of professional and personal contacts, while helping to foster better access to legal information in Northern California.

Recent Presentations

Angus Nesbit, Reference Librarian at the Sacramento County Law Library spoke to the Coalition of Parental Support (COPS) on Tuesday, August 13, 1996 in Sacramento. This talk let COPS members know about family law resources available to them through the Sacramento County Law Library. COPS consists primarily of single fathers and mothers seeking to gain or maintain legal rights to parenting, through various legal hurdles faced most often without an attorney.

On September 11, 1996, Leslie Forrester and Coral Henning gave their annual Introduction to Legal Research and Citations to the San Francisco Legal Secretaries Association's Annual Training Course to forty-five students. Here are some actual quotes from that presentation's evaluation sheets: "Can't improve perfection." "They're very energetic and knowledgeable." "Leslie is very clear and great at summarizing! Coral is very funny and she keeps our attention!"

Please contact me if you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member! Coral Henning, (916) 440-7427 or Chenning@saclaw.lib.ca.us.

Placement News

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If you subscribe to the NOCALL listserv or look at the NOCALL web page regularly (www.nocall.org), you will know that it has been a busy summer and fall. There has been a myriad of postings for professional and paraprofessional positions. If I were to list all the positions here, the newsletter would be about 20 pages longer than it need be.

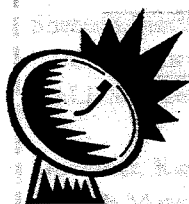
The 1997 Spring Institute and Trade Show

Charting New Frontiers

— Brent Bernau, Institute Chair —

Mark your calendars for the 1997 NOCALL Spring Institute and Trade Show to be held Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21 at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Things are shaping up for a really top-notch program.

This year's theme is "Charting New Frontiers." We'll be travelling to the frontier of the Bay Area (Concord) to chart the frontiers which face us professionally. The programs will grapple with technology, privacy law and the future of our profession. As a unique bonus for our membership, we are working with AALL and the hotel to become a downlink site for AALL's recently announce satellite video conference, "The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success."



The satellite conference happened to get scheduled the morning of our Institute, allowing us the extraordinary opportunity to schedule it into the Institute program and build on it with another program we already had in the works. That program will include two former AALL Presidents, Bob Berring and Penny Hazelton, discussing the future of law librarianship.

The presentations being put together at this time include Successful MIS/Law Library Partnerships, the Future of Law Practice, a substantive session on Privacy Law followed up with a

panel discussion on that topic, and a Technology Update, where experts will respond to a variety of question put to them by the moderators.

We think you will thoroughly enjoy the Concord Sheraton, the Institute and Trade Show Hotel. It is easily accessible by freeway or a 40-minute BART ride from downtown San Francisco. (Less, of course, from the East Bay.) The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle from the BART station and free parking for those of you who choose to drive. Our name will be in lights on the marquee in the parking lot and Concord's mayor is scheduled to welcome us.

The Sheraton's ground floor ballroom has plenty of natural light and will comfortably accommodate up to 150 attendees in classroom style seating and up to 30 exhibitors. We'll have the entire ballroom to ourselves and are the major event for the hotel.

Our meal events will be in their beautiful atrium, which feels like you're in the great outdoors. You'll be surrounded by trees, fish ponds and streams, and even a putting green. Sleeping rooms are just \$79 per night for a single, double, triple or quad, so bring your friends and/or family and make a weekend out of it.

The 1997 Institute and Trade Show is shaping up to be a relaxing, affordable, educational and enjoyable time. We hope to see you there. ♦

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I suggest that you look at the positions available on the web page (www.nocall.org), then decide if you would like to give me a supply of resumes which I will send out to every position for which you are qualified. My concern here is that with so many jobs being listed, I may deplete your supply of resumes quite rapidly and worse yet, send them all to jobs that may not interest you. So I am offering you the choice of sending your resume to the job of your choice, or giving me a dozen of your resumes to send out to all the appropriate positions available, i.e. professional or paraprofessional.

On the web page, some listings are designated "agency" listings. All this means is that it is a position listed by an employment agency or a headhunter and the name of the prospective employer is unknown to me. I do not automatically send resumes to agencies. If they request resumes, I will call the applicant before sending it out. If you would like me to routinely send

your resume to agencies listing a position available, just let me know when you send me your packet.

If you do not have access to our NOCALL web page, please call me (415-954-4451) and I will send you the current list of jobs available. Send your resumes to me at Farella Braun & Martel LLP, 235 Montgomery St., 19th Fl., San Francisco 94104.

All in all, in spite of what all the experts have been telling us about the end of our profession, it's a great time to be looking for a librarian job. For a complete set of NOCALL placement listings see: <http://www.nocall.org>

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NOCALL has just finished its 17th year as a chapter of AALL. NOCALL has grown tremendously over the years, both in terms of size and caliber. The members who volunteer to participate on committees, special projects and the Board truly make a difference and help to shape the future of our chapter. Volunteering is also a great way to meet new friends and colleagues, develop new professional skills and have fun in the process. Please consider sharing some of your time and talent with NOCALL this year!

NOCALL Volunteer Form

Yes, I would like to be more involved with NOCALL.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am interested in the following committees:

(consult the front of this issue for a list of available committees)

1st Choice _____

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3rd Choice _____

I am interested in chairing the following committee:

Please mail or fax this form to:

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Please feel free to give me a call at (415)393-2560, or e-mail me at: jcaporaso@mdbe.com



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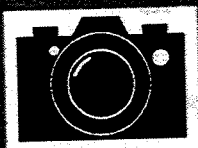
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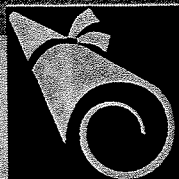
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Can you take a good photograph?

A volunteer camera buff is needed to take photographs of individuals and events for NOCALL News. If you're interested contact Jo Caporaso at (415) 393-2560, or caporaso@nocal.com.



AALL Scholarships 1996-97

Application forms are now available for the following scholarships. Applications must be received by April 1 and awards are made shortly thereafter. Indicate which type of scholarship application you would like on the form below, and send it with a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Scholarships, American Association of Law Libraries, 53 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 940, Chicago, IL 60604.

Type I: Library Degree for Law School Graduates

Awarded to a graduate of an accredited law school who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference in selection is given to persons with meaningful law library experience. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Type II: Library School Graduates Attending Law School

Awarded to a library school graduate who is in the process of working toward a law degree in an accredited law school, who has no more than 36 semester (54 quarter) credit hours of study remaining before qualifying for the law degree, and who has meaningful law library experience. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Type III: Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates

Awarded to a college graduate with meaningful law library experience who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference is given to applicants working for degrees with emphasis on courses in law librarianship. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Type IV: Library School Graduates Seeking Another Degree

Awarded to library school graduates who are degree candidates in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference in selection is given to persons with meaningful law library experience. Applicant must show evidence of financial need. This is a new category with scholarships being given for the first time in 1997.

Type V: Continuing Education Courses Related to Law Librarianship

One or more awards of up to \$500 are awarded annually to law librarians with a degree from an accredited library or law school who are registrants in a continuing education course related to law librarianship. Scholarships are restricted to members of the American Association of Law Libraries. Preference shall be given to permanent residents of the United States and Canada. This is a new category with scholarships being given for the first time in 1997.



George A. Strait Minority Stipend

Award in the amount of \$3500 to a member of a minority group who is a college graduate with meaningful library experience who is a degree candidate in either an accredited library or law school. Preference is given to applicants with previous experience or interest in law librarianship. Applicants must show evidence of financial need. Qualified applicants may apply for both a minority stipend and another type of scholarship, however, an applicant may receive only one award in any given year.

NOCALL NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

1996/1997

Membership/Directory Information

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Title: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Are you a member of AALL? _____ Yes _____ No

NOCALL occasionally sells its mailing list to organizations related to law librarianship.

_____ Check here if you do not want your name to appear on such a list.

_____ I'd like to have a NOCALL mentor.

Membership Type/Dues Amount

Please check one. Categories are defined in the NOCALL by-laws. Please call Yvonne Boyer at (415) 693-2610 with questions about categories.

_____ Active Member (dues: \$25.00)

_____ Active Unemployed Member (dues \$12.50)

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_____ Retired Member (dues: \$10.00)

_____ Student Member (dues: \$7.50)

_____ **Total Enclosed**

To join NOCALL, please fill out this form and send it, with a check payable to "NOCALL" to:

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