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A nswer: It is everywhere — but it is not here yet.

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I attended one of a series of October conferences sponsored by the California State Library for librarians working in special libraries.

Approximately 500 librarians participated in the series. Law was one of five designated categories of special libraries. The law librarians' conference was held October 31, 1997 in Los Angeles. The full-day conference was designed to be informative not only for those in attendance, but also for the sponsor. The day's proceedings were well planned with informative updates on technological developments and leg-

islative activity relating to libraries and library cooperation. Several break-out sessions were scheduled to explore key considerations for law libraries with respect to the California State Library and the statewide library network. The information packets distributed included several "webliographies" (a word that really fills a need!).

In all, I think, a day well spent... and a continuation of a "seven-year consensus based planning process" that culminated in the Library of California

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NOCALL Merit Awards

presented at the Fall Business Meeting September 30, 1997

The NOCALL Executive Board, with a desire to acknowledge the work of the NOCALL Government Relations Committee, created the NOCALL Merit Award. The Government Relations Committee.

chaired by Cathy Hardy, and in conjunction with the Southern California Association of Law Libraries' Government Relations Committee, worked to draft and then to secure (continued on page 13)

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November/December issue: October 30 January/February issue: January 5 March/April issue: March 3 May/June issue: May 5

Submissions made to the Editor must be in Word 6.0 or Wordperfect 5.1 on a 3.5" disk or sent via the Internet as an e-mail attachment.

Musings from Mark

Mark Mackler, Sonnenschein, Nath, & Rosenthal

Changes.

You eagle-eyed librarians will note that the byline for this column is different from what it had been. It's changed. This is my first column I'm writing in my new position at Sonnenschein. In case you don't know, Sonnenschein is a large Chicago-based firm with about fifty-five attorneys located here in San Francisco. Ten years ago, the office was started with two attorneys. It's changed.

In case you haven't figured it out yet, this briefer-than usual column is about change.

Have you seen "In and Out" yet? There's a scene in which Shalom Harlow, who plays Matt Dillon's girlfriend, attempts to make a telephone call from her hotel room. She becomes entirely freaked out, helpless and befuddled when she is unable to make the call because the phone is an old-fashioned rotary model, and she does not know how to dial it. Something as simple as dialing a phone has changed.

"Reed Elsevier and Wolters Kluwer Merging." The idea is that they can "now together make the large investments needed for the change from print publishing to electronic publishing," said a business analyst in Amsterdam.

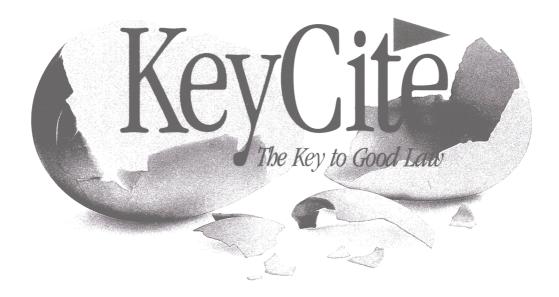


"IGC to buy Netcom Online for \$283.5 million. The purchase reflects the changes in telecommunication as ISPs are bought out by larger local and long distance phone and data service providers."

Technology changes, businesses change, our jobs change, our personal relationships change. Perhaps the one and only constant is the support which we continue to receive from each other. I hope that never changes.

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— NOCALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1997

- November 4 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- November 5 Wednesday

 NOCALL Fall Workshop. Annette
 Gohlke will speak on Bench marking.

 Marine's Memorial Club, San

 Francisco. Contact Lauri Flynn, (415)
 622-2854
- November 6 Thursday

 SLA San Francisco Bay Region
 Chapter, November Chapter Meeting.
 Speaker: Michael Gorman.

 Mechanics' Institute Library, San
 Francisco. Contact Jeanne Fong,
 (510) 642-4345
- November 12 Wednesday

 Legal Support Vendor Exhibits, sponsored by the San Francisco

 Association of Docket, Calendar & Court Services at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Contact Bill Makinney, (415) 983-1214
- November 16-19 Sunday-Tuesday Internet Librarian '97 (Information Today), Monterey, CA. Contact (609) 654-6266.
- December 10 Wednesday
 December Dinner Meeting of the
 SLA San Andreas Chapter and San
 Francisco Bay Region Chapter.
 Airport Marriott, Burlingame. Contact
 Marilee Lazar, (408)737-8228

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January

Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the NOCALL Education Committee.
Details and date to follow

■ January 5 Monday NOCALL News deadline for January/February issue

- January 6 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- 4th Annual Paraprofessional
 Conference, "Riding the Technology
 Wave" at Sun Microsystems,
 Mountain View. For more information
 contact Peggy Watson at AIM, (650)
 965-7799.
- January 16 Friday
 PLI Law Librarian's Seminar, San
 Francisco. Preliminary info: seminar
 on knowledge management and
 Intranet applications. Cost approximately \$150. Check PLI Calendar for
 more information.
- **January 20** Tuesday

 Deadline for mailing notice of proposed candidates to membership
- January 30 Friday

 NOCALL Business Meeting, Marine's Memorial, San Francisco
- **February 3** Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- **February 15** Sunday

 Due date for submitting additional nominations in writing to the President
- **February 27-28** Friday Saturday SCALL Institute in Palm Springs
- March 1 Sunday
 Mail deadline for official ballot of Officers and Executive Board candidates
- March 3 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting

NOCALL News deadline for March/April issue

- March 6 7 Friday Saturday NOCALL Spring Institute. Details to follow.
- April

Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the NOCALL Education Committee.
Details and date to follow

- April 1 Wednesday

 Deadline to notify elected persons
- April 7 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- November 19-25 Sunday-Saturday National Library Week
- May May Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the NOCALL Education Committee. Details and date to follow
- May 5 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting

NOCALL News deadline for May/June issue

- May 21 Thursday
 NOCALL Business Meeting
- June 2 Tuesday

 NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- June 6 11 Saturday Thursday Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- July 11 16 Saturday Thursday AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA



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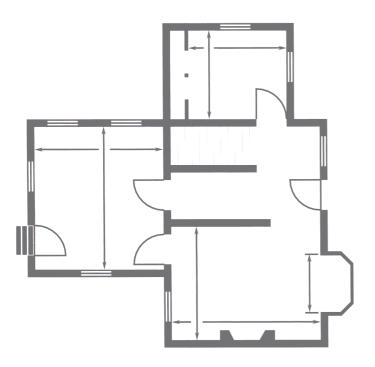
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by Catherine Ghent and Barbara Barton

Taylor & Associates Library Management and Personnel Services

CAD, an acronym calculated to strike fear into the hearts of the uninitiated! At a recent client meeting, we were asked by our client if we could give them a CAD version of the library space plan that Barbara had designed. Our immediate response was NO. (We are not architects, we don't have the software, we don't have the appropriate printer/plotter, and don't these things cost a fortune anyway?) The client was disappointed, because they would now have to go to their architectural firm and have them recreate the plan in CAD. On reflection, we could see the advantages of providing CAD drawings and started wondering just how difficult and expensive CAD software really was.

Barbara, being a good librarian, went and did some research. Starting with InfoTrac, the periodicals index available on-line through the Alameda County Public Library, and then surfing the Internet, she discovered that there are three levels of space planning programs. The most simple programs are designed for users who are interested in remodeling their homes and



sell for less than \$100. We were interested in the next level of programs, such as TurboCAD, AutoCAD LT and DrafixCAD, which are true CAD programs. They lack the bells and whistles of the high-powered versions but are usable by nonprofessionals and range in price from \$100 to \$500. The drawings produced on them can be imported into the industry standard programs used by architects and engineer-

ing firms, such as AutoCAD, which are priced at \$2000 and

Computer Aided Design Software

The advantages of using a CAD program are many: measurements are more precise; plans can be re-drawn more quickly given a change in space parameters; objects need only be drawn once and can then be copied and moved around to experiment with different configurations; the finished product, even when printed on a low-cost printer, looks impressive; and many CAD programs have a 3D capability which allows the user to see the space plan from different vantage points.

Having researched and evaluated the available programs, we purchased TurboCAD 4.0 for \$129. We assigned a librarian who had some graphics experience to the job of translating the hard copy version of the space plan into a CAD drawing. The first problem that we encountered was that although the documentation says the program can run on a 486, it really needs a Pentium, which ruled out one of our computers. The review articles had also underestimated the learning curve involved. Even our experienced librarian spent 2 - 3 days figuring out the program and creating the CAD design. However, our client was then able to take our disk and upload the plan to AutoCAD, the design firm's software, thereby saving substantial time and money.

We were pleased with our first experience with CAD. We found it to be a very powerful tool that does more than make space plans look more professional - it also helps design a better and more precise plan. However, we also found that CAD programs cannot be learned overnight. There is a learning curve and some experience with graphics or drafting is a big advantage. �

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So You Want an AALL Scholarship?

— Rhea Ballard-Thrower, AALL Scholarships Committee Chair, 1997-98 —

kay, I have to admit that this article is not an original idea. Credit must be given to Diane Murley at Boston University School of Law Library. Diane wrote an article titled, "So You Want to Coordinate an AALL Program?" 17 (4) LLNE News 6 (1996). So, with much appreciation to Diane, here are a few helpful hints if you are thinking of applying for an AALL Scholarship.

Do You Qualify?

AALL has seven scholarships. Type I is for law school graduates who are attending library school. Type II is for library school graduates who are attending law school. Type III is for those who are in library school, but do not have a law degree. Type IV is for library school graduates who are degree candidates in another area of study besides law. Type V is for law librarians who want to take a continuing education course related to law librarianship. The George A. Strait Minority Stipend is for ethnic minorities who are degree candidates in library or law school. The newest scholarship is the James F. Connolly CIS Memorial Scholarship. It is for law librarians who work primarily with government documents and who are attending law school. Each scholarship type has different requirements. Do NOT apply for a scholarship if you do not meet the necessary qualifications.

Remember the Due Date

COMPLETE applications must be submitted to AALL by April 1, 1998. Your application will not be considered if it is received after April 1.

Have a Complete Application

If there is one thing that really upsets Scholarship Committee members it is receiving incomplete applications. Before you mail your application to AALL be sure that you have included all of the necessary documents and photocopies that are required.

Letters of Recommendation

Select people who have knowledge of your abilities and who can evaluate your performance as a student, employee, or colleague. Be sure that you receive the recommendations in time to submit your application by the due date.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is the best opportunity you will have to introduce yourself to the Committee members. Your statement can make a lasting impression, so use it to your advantage. Some suggestions to include are: who you are, why you need and want the scholarship, why you are a good candidate, what your future plans are, how the scholarship will benefit you, etc.

Talk with Previous Recipients

If you know someone who has already received a scholarship, have him or her review your application. She or he can offer helpful suggestions.

Recognize that Competition Exists

Last year almost fifty people applied for a scholarship. However, only approximately twenty are awarded each year. There are others who would also like a scholarship. Keep this in mind as you complete your application.

Do the Final Check

Once you think your application is complete, do a final check. Did you include all of the copies of your application, letters of recommendation, a stamped, self-addressed postcard and a stamped, self-addressed envelope?

Donate to the AALL Scholarship Fund

No, scholarships are not awarded based on how much a candidate has donated. However, by contributing a donation you enable AALL to award more scholarships. The math is quite simple — more money=more scholarships!

Scholarships have been used to attend law school, library school, and to take continuing education courses. A donation to the scholarship fund is a guaranteed investment in the future of law librarianship.



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 jcaporaso@mdbe.com.



What are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

What am I reading? I just started (as in this morning on BART) THE FLANDERS PANEL by Arturo Perez-Reverte. I'm not far enough into it to give a recommendation but it looks like its going to be good.

I just read UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN Sun by Frances Mayes. Its the author's account of buying and renovating a house in Italy. She teaches literature locally (SF State?) and her literary references were, for me, occasionally pretentious. Its not as funny as Peter Mayle's A YEAR IN PROVENCE but it is similar and definitely a very good read. It is especially good if you share her love of Italy and Italian life.

I spent a lot of time on planes and sitting in airports over the past few months. I passed the time with a series of truly escapist fiction in the OUTLANDER series by Diana Gabladon. There are now four books, each one over 800 pages. Hard to pin point a genre but historical fiction/romance comes pretty close. Late eighteenth century Scotland and the second uprising led by Prince Charlie for those who want a point of reference. The books are good enough that I wouldn't want to spoil anything for those who might consider reading them.

-Eric Wade, 9th Circuit Library?

Editor's Note: Another unpaid endorsement. Do you have a long commute by BART, bus or car? Do you miss the days of

- yore when someone would read aloud a bedtime story? Are you interested in listening to a good book instead of reading
- ? one? Check out www.recordedbooks.com. This company
- maintains a catalog of 2,000 UNABRIDGED titles, fiction and non-fiction, for all ages. The books, or rather tapes, can be purchased or rented for a month.
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- ? My first selection was ROAD FROM COORAIN by Jill Ker Conway. An Australian, Ms. Conway was the first woman
- ? president of Smith College (1975-1985). ROAD is the first volume of her autobiography.
- ? (TRUE NORTH, about her move to the U.S., is the second volume,
- ? but is not available on tape.) She grew up on a sheep ranch in the
- ? Australian outback. After her father's death the family moved to
- ? Sydney where she struggled to deal with her mother's increasing bad moods, idiosyncrasies and drinking. The descriptions
- ? of her childhood working on the ranch are fascinating. It was a pleasure to imagine those wide expanses of desert while
- ? struggling through the boredom of each morning's commute.
- ? 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 nlevine@chrm.com, or by phone at (510) 466-6195.



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Adventures in the Global The Online World

by Jane Metz, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, LLP

It started out like the typical trip to the east coast. Lines at SFO were long, my suitcase was heavy, computers were down, every seat on the plane was filled, and our departure was delayed. But unlike the predictable trip, Online World was not the typical librarian's convention. Touted as "the leading online information conference," Online World promised both practical and cuttingedge workshops. And the colorful hustle and bustle of Washington, DC provided the perfect backdrop for this exciting conference and trade show.

What Is Online World?

Online World is sponsored by Online Inc. and Pemberton Press, publishers of magazines (Online, Database) and books (Secrets of the Super Searcher). The conference was held September 15th - 17th at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, DC. The Washington Hilton is located near the DC neighborhoods of DuPont Circle (a predominately gay area) and Adams-Morgan (filled with Mexican, Greek, Thai, and other ethnic restaurants). The hotel also happens to be where President Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr. in 1981. The hotel has since built a special high-security entrance, and is a popular spot for banquet dinners. Both Vice President Gore and President Clinton had speaking engagements at the Hilton during the Online conference (but unfortunately they did not address the Online World attendees).

This year's conference had six tracks to choose from: practical searching, resource management, trends & technology, corporate electronic publishing, content reviews, and roundtable discussions. Speakers included corporate librarians, independent information brokers, consultants, authors, and academics. There were over 100 exhibitors ranging from book publishers and newspapers to online service providers and web search engines. Attendees also came from a wide variety of backgrounds, with a definite predominance from large east coast corporations. I was happy to discover that many attendees were librarians. Some brought

along their department or firm systems specialists in order to look at products from both an end-user's and a technician's perspectives. Like most attendees, I mixed and matched from the various tracks to find the sessions of most interest.

Industry Announcements

The meeting kicked off with the Annual Industry Announcements and Demonstrations. This session gives ten companies a sixminute spot to promote new products or make important announcements. Auditions for these coveted spots are held before the conference and competition is stiff. Online editors review the demonstrations and chose the most important and hottest new technologies. The presentations were very slick, high-quality commercials. Among this year's announcements were NewsBot, a real time news service provided by the HotBot web search engine and Wired; ISI Current Contents Connect, web-

based access to Current Contents and docu-

ment retrieval; World Reporter, a database of money markets information provided

through a partnership of Dow Jones, Knight Ridder Information (Dialog), and the Financial Times of London; and Engineering Information

Village, an engineering website providing databases and informal channels of communications for

Engineers. The announcements all exemplified what moderator Stephen Arnold, President of Arnold Information Technologies called "the triumph of the web-

based model." I enjoyed the fast-paced presentations and found myself wondering if something even more amazing will replace the web in five years.

Keynote Speakers

The conference had two keynote speakers. The first, Kevin Kelly, Executive Editor of Wired Magazine, spoke on "Zillionics." Mr. Kelly identified three forces defining technology today: digital instability (the average life span of a web page is 77 days), a growth of ignorance (what we don't know is expanding faster than what we know), and shorter attention spans (the scarcity of human attention). He went on to forecast a "zillionic" world of self-pub-

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lishing, when every product everywhere will contain a microchip broadcasting information. The result will be a world of texts and images so vast that they cannot all be indexed, read, or cataloged. On the happier side, Mr. Kelly believes that people are the killer app, better at filtering information than any computer program. Add in his prediction that information specialists will soon be considered "cool," and it sounds like an interesting future for our profession.

The second keynote speaker was Sun Microsystems Librarian Cindy Hill, who spoke on "Extremers: The Future of the Profession." Ms. Hill described current psychological studies on the Type T personality. Type T people are extraordinarily extroverted, very creative, and crave novelty. While some Type T people pursue physical thrills (such as white water kayaking or skydiving), others seek intellectual challenges. Ms. Hill then drew a parallel between innovative librarians and extreme sports thrill-seekers. She identified some "extreme" librarians, who are taking on new challenges, creating innovative programs, and finding extraordinary outlets for the profession. She summed up her address by reminding us all to stay enthusiastic, display our passion for our profession, and overcome our own fear in order to be an agent of change.

New Internet Technologies

Greg Notess, Reference Librarian at the Montana State University Library and "On the Net" columnist for Online moderated a session on New Internet Technologies. John December, author of The World Wide Web Unleashed and other Internet books, presented informative, non-technical overviews of ActiveX, Broadway, DHTML, HTML4, Inferno, Java, JavaScript, and other new Internet technologies. Mr. December recommends we all keep an eye on Java for interactivity, XML for mark-up, and VRML for visualizing. He also stressed that as consumers we should all eschew hype (for instance the current excitement over push technology) for good, clean technologies.

How the Experts Tackle Real Search Questions

The session "Real Search Questions Asked and Answered," promised that the audience would "get inside the heads" of reference experts Reva Basch (Aubergine Information Services), Steve

Coffman (Los Angeles Public Library's FYI), and Richard Dresden (the Washington Post). Moderator Mary Ellen Bates of Bates Information Service presented reference questions to each of the panelists before the conference. One question was "what impact has the computer industry had on the pen and pencil industry, and has penmanship declined?" Another question was "what are Buckey balls and what practical applications do they have?" The panelists shared their search strategies, explaining why they decided to use the Internet as

opposed to a commercial online services, how they determined if they were on the right track, and when they decided to stop researching. I was happy to see Mr. Coffman use one technique that we sometimes employ: he imagined the title of the perfect journal article to answer



a question about ultrasonic teeth cleaning and hearing loss. Similarly, we sometimes ask attorneys, "If one book answered your question, what would be the title of that book?" A technique used by all of the panelists was to start their research on the Web. If the researcher did not know anything about the topic (such as a question on initial public offerings) the Web was used as an inexpensive way to get a better understanding of the issue.

Content Review: Patent Update

Nancy Lambert, Patent Information Specialist at Chevron, gave an update on patent information. She first reviewed improvements in a number of the commercial databases. Ms. Lambert next discussed recent changes at the US Patent and Trademark Office. One significant change is that the PTO is considering an 18 month patent publication schedule. Most countries publish the patent 18 months after application, before the examination process is completed. The United States has traditionally waited for the examination to be finished and the patent number assigned before publishing the actual patent. Ms. Lambert pointed out that if the US switches to this schedule, there will be a two year period of rapid growth in the online patent databases. Lastly, Ms. Lambert discussed the free patent databases on the Web. She pointed out the limitations of these web sites: no foreign patents, nothing before 1974, gaps in the files, lack of claims information, and limited search capabilities. Ms. Lambert recommended that the free patent searches on the Web only be used if you know the patent number and want to read the front page or to get a few

example patents on a particular subject. She advised not to use the free databases for prior art searches, for infringement research, or if any money rests on the research results.

Building and Managing Intranets

Mary Corcoran of the Knowledge Forum started the Intranet session by defining the average institution's Internet (where business is marketed to the broadest audience), Extranet (where the company builds strategic partnerships with actual clients), and Intranet (where the company's internal information is stored and shared). She then laid down four overlaying principals of any Intranet: technology is a tool to meet an end, customers are the focus, content is critical, and users are also providers. Building upon these principals, Ms. Corcoran outlined the key ingredients to a successful Intranet. For example, the Intranet must be a mission-critical application of company resources. If the organization cannot answer the question "why are we building this," then the project will not succeed. Also, the organization must devote on-going training and support for the Intranet. After Ms. Corcoran laid down the concepts, specialists from Microsoft and Hewlett Packard explained how their organizations developed Intranet teams, built the structures, and maintains them. A theme which emerged throughout the presentation was that the work of providing content for the Intranet must be incorporated into individual's work days. In other words, the Intranet does not build itself and is not self-updating.

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Reva's (W)Rap

The last session was a summary of conference events by Reva Basch. Reva's panel discussed such recurring themes as web platforms, the roles of indexing and filtering, and the increase in end-user searching without the intermediary of an information professional. A roving microphone captured audience comments and concerns about copyright, the lack of archiving on the web, and the lack of research skills among end-users. The session provided insight into individual sessions as well as summing up the conference as a whole.

Exhibit Hall

The Online World exhibit hall featured more than 100 exhibitors.

Although a number of familiar companies were present, the list was different from the focus of AALL.

HotBot, Information Access

Company, Knight-Ridder, and Dow



Jones, all corporate sponsors of the conference, had especially prominent spots in the exhibit hall. I enjoyed the decidedly high-tech feel and diversity of this exhibit hall. However, a number of exhibitors were surprised to see a law firm librarian and did not know how to sell their product to me. Most companies were marketing web-based products aimed at the non-librarian enduser. One vendor of corporate and marketing information asked me, "Wouldn't your attorneys like to do their own research on companies and industries?" I gently explained that because attorneys must bill their time to clients, they usually prefer to have a librarian do as much of the non-legal research as possible. And in addition, the librarians are usually capable of getting the information much faster, resulting in even less cost for the client. The Rep sheepishly said, "I never thought of that."

Conclusion

Several aspects of this conference stick out in my mind. First, the focus on all types of technology (CD-ROMs, traditional online databases, Internet, Intranets, web tools) was very important to me. Second, the sessions were of a consistently high quality. The speakers, all of whom have industry cachet and name-recognition, gave interesting, catchy, and applicable presentations. And lastly, I appreciated that the conference opened and closed with enlightening, all-encompassing sessions (the Industry Announcements and Wrap). Overall, it was a very informative, enjoyable conference, and I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for a mostly technology-oriented meeting or an alternative to AALL and SLA. ❖

Editor's Note:

For another review of Online World '97, see http://www.onlineinc.com/news/news11.html For information on next year's conference, see http://www.onlineinc.com/olworld/index.html

* PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT *

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The following proposed change to the Constitution will be voted upon at the January 30, 1998 Business Meeting in San Francisco.

The proposed constitutional amendment is a minor one changing language in constitutional article IX dealing with anti discrimination to bring the language of NOCALL's constitution in compliance with the language used by AALL. The text of the proposed amendment is set forth below. Additions are in italics. Deletions are indicated by strikoouts

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Article IX. Anti discrimination.

Neither membership, nor full participation in the activities of this Association shall be denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual preference orientation, or disability.

Filed with the NOCALL Secretary on May 15, 1997

The proposed amendment shall become effective when approved by twothirds majority of those present and voting at the business meeting.

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Act — Senate Bill 409 (1997-98). The Library of California Act would link the 8,000 libraries of California through incentives and reimbursements that would support the sharing of information and collections. An incentive might take the form of a special grant for a preservation project. All participation would be voluntary. Regional networks would be established. Senate Bill 409 is in the Senate Committee on Appropriations and can be reactivated in January. I encourage you to read the bill. It is a tribute to the Networking Task Force work begun in California during the last decade and a proposal fit for the Information Age.

Sue Welsh, Executive Board Member, has agreed to serve as NOCALL's liaison to the State Library on networking issues.

Mark your new 1998 calendars for the NOCALL Business Meeting/ Luncheon on Friday, January 30, at The Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. Our special guest will be Judy Meadows, AALL President.

Happy New Year!

Linda Weir, NOCALL President &

MERIT AWARDS continued from page 1

passage of California Senate Bill 1507 (1996), (Chapter 928), to ensure that legislative records and agency rule making files would be retained, and made publicly available, and preserved. Committee work is a collaborative, and often cumulative, effort. The NOCALL Merit Awards were presented to members of the Government Relations Committee and former Government Relations Committee members who laid the groundwork for such exceptional achievement. They are the following individuals:

Cathy Hardy, Venture Law Group

Nancy Hoebelheinrich, University of San Francisco School of

Judy Janes, University of California at Davis School of Law Evelyn Posamentier, McGeorge School of Law Michael Ginsborg, California Supreme Court Law Library Founding members/former chairs:

Susan Van Syckel, McGeorge School of Law Carolina Rose, Legislative Research, Inc.

Ruth Nunez-Schaldach, Sacramento County Law Library Peg Durkin, University of California at Davis School of Law Louise Roysden, McGeorge School of Law

Christie Henningfeld, California Research Bureau

Congratulations! Many Thanks! ❖

NOCALL Member, Cossette Sun, Chairs 1997 AALL Symposium on Diversity

— Susanne Pierce Dyer, Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library —

y overall impression of
Baltimore is how smoothly
everything worked. Ever since my return
I have noticed spate of articles describing
Baltimore Convention Center and Inner
Harbor as models of successful urban
renewal, and I can confirm their accuracy! Everything at the Convention Center
was ready when it was supposed to be
where it was supposed to be.

This is no small accomplishment, as those of you who have ever arrived early at a convention can attest. It a is hard to believe that those huge, echoing halls full of crates and forklifts can be transformed so quickly into a hushed marketplace full of vendors in business clothes with computers and fresh flowers!

I arrived on the Friday morning to help Cossette Sun, the Library Director, with last minute arrangements for the Symposium on Diversity which she chaired the following afternoon. We also set up the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library display in what used to be called the Public Relations Marketplace. This gave us entrance into the vendor area during setup, and it was fascinating to watch.

Volunteers from the Law Library
Association of Maryland (LLAM) were
already there to share enthusiasm and
crab appliqués. Neither the enthusiasm
nor the pride in the area's fabulous
regional produce and cuisine flagged a
bit during the following five long
days until the closing banquet.
(They never ran out of those little red appliqués either!)

Preparing for the Twenty-First Century: Workplace Diversity was sponsored by the AALL Committee on Diversity. One of the symposium's highlights was the key note address by Dennis Hiyashi, Director of the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Health and Human Services. The name is probably familiar to you because he was previously a staff attorney at the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco and then Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League. The advertised topic was the current legal status of affirmative action. However, he stunned his listeners when he began by saying that, legally, "affirmative action is dead." He then described the efforts of the Clinton administration to insure continued diversity.

Other speakers included Dr. Ching-Chin Chen, a Professor of Library
Science at Boston's Simmons College, and Dr. Lorene Brown, an Associate
Professor at Clark Atlanta University and mentor to aspiring librarians. They described their careers and how participation in professional activities had not only broadened their understanding but had opened up doors for them. They urged AALL members at the program to become involved.



The final speaker was Vicky J. Hamby, an in-house Diversity Consultant for DuPont Human Relations. She had some very interesting observations about topics such as communications skills and diversity in industrial settings and fielded a number of questions from her listeners.

The meeting evolved into a spirited question and answer session between speakers and AALL members. AALL Board member Carol Avery Nicholson asked for suggestions from the floor on how to involve more members in AALL activities such as serving on committees and attending the annual meeting, and there was a lively discussion.

The Committee on Diversity received strong support from several vendors which enabled them to offer refreshments during the program as well as host an elegant reception following it. I would like to express my personal thanks to Matthew Bender & Company, Lexis/Nexis, Ebsco Information Service, William S. Hein & Company, and Fred B. Rothman & Company.

In addition, the AALL staff in Chicago attended to registrations, booking and defraying the cost of the rooms, etc. Their strong support enabled the Committee on Diversity to hold the symposium at no charge to all interested AALL members. They were endlessly patient with a pair of neophyte program coordinators, and I am grateful.

But most of all, I am grateful for the generous NOCALL grant which enabled me to attend the 1997 Annual Meeting. Thank you all!

— 7" - EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS -

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held September 3, 1997

The meeting was held in the library at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Weir, Lille Koski, Marlowe Griffiths, Jo Caporaso, Eric Wade, and Sue Welsh. Absent: Mary Ann Parker. Linda called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the 5/2/97 Executive Board meeting were approved as read. The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 8/4/97 were approved as amended.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Board Member Committee Liaisons - Board liaison assignments are as follows:

Linda Weir: AALL Liaison, Academic Relations,

Nominations, Audit & Budget

Mary Ann Parker: Education, Public Access, Spring Institute

Lille Koski: Archives, Consulting, Union List

Marlowe Griffiths: Government Relations, Membership

Jo Caporaso:

Newsletter

Sue Welsh: Eric Wade: Grants, Placement, Public Relations Constitution & Bylaws, Technology

Fall Business Meeting - The fall business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 1997 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Ninth Circuit Court. of Appeal in Courtroom 1 and the library. Arabi Caterers will do the catering. The speaker will be Herb Bolz, OAL. The reception will honor the Government Relations Committee members.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe reported that we now have \$38,129.37 in our account. Moving up the renewal notices of the membership dues has proved very successful. About 75% of the membership have sent in their renewals.

Secretary's Report - Lille passed out copies of the NOCALL Executive Board Resolutions to all board members. Lille also passed out the current stationary to all board members. The stationary will also be given to all committee chairs at the 9/13/97 committee chair/planning meeting.

January Business Meeting - This meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30 at the Marine's Memorial.

Committee Chair Meeting - will be on Saturday, September 13 11:00 - 4:00 at the Hastings Library in Room 510. The meeting will address committee charges/goals; budgets; communication and committee members.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES.

Archives - David Bridgman reports that the archives need more space.



Committee Chairs - Committee chairs are all in place. The Technology chair is Marie Blosh and Government Relations in Suzanne Pierce Dyer.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOCALL List Announcement - There will be a September 18 reception at San Jose State at 7:00 p.m. to welcome the new library school director, Dr. Blanche Woolls.

SCALL Institute - Is scheduled for February 1998 in Palm Springs.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary September 4, 1997

— 7 - EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS —

NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held October 7, 1997

The meeting was held in the library at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Weir, Mary Ann Parker, Lille Koski, Marlowe Griffiths, Jo Caporaso, and Sue Welsh. Absent: Eric Wade. Linda called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the 9/3/97 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Board Decisions/Resolutions - Linda mentioned that the executive board in consultation with SCALL did agree to postpone the joint NOCALL/SCALL meeting until spring 1999. Both boards will be appointing members to a joint long range planning committee. The resolution postponing the meeting becomes Resolution 97-1 and this resolution rescinds Resolution 96-9. Resolution 97-2 creates a new NOCALL committee—the Technology Committee with an Internet standing subcommittee. This resolution rescinds Resolution 95-6.

Sturgis, Alice: Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure - Linda checked with Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Mary Hood; NOCALL will continue with Robert's Rules of Order for the running of our meetings.



3. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>.

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe reported that we now have \$35,748.24 in our account and NOCALL is in good financial shape.

Secretary's Report - Linda asked Lille to give the text of the change of the wording from sexual preference to sexual orientation in Article IX of the

NOCALL Constitution to Jo Caporaso for inclusion in the Nov/Dec issue to the NOCALL NEWS. This change needs to be published in the newsletter before we can vote on it at the January Business Meeting.

President's Report - Linda attended the San Jose State Reception to welcome the new library school director, Dr.

Blanche Woolls. AALL President-elect, Judy Meadows, will be pay a two-day chapter visit to NOCALL at the end of January in conjunction with our January 30, 1998 Business Meeting.

Directory Developments - Linda reported that the Daily Journal has offered to publish the directory and Yvonne Boyer is investigating the possibilities of this.

4. <u>COMMITTEE UPDATES</u>.

Union List - (Lille) Pati Traktman's main concern is the ability of the committee members to use the Access software for the union list. For now the database will reside at Rogers, Joseph. But this restricts who can participate on the committee. The members need to be able to come to Rogers, Joseph for database entry.

Institute - Mary Ann reported that the Spring Institute will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Napa on 3/6/98.

Education - (Mary Ann) An educational program is scheduled for the Marine's Memorial on 11/5 by Jenny Kanji.

Newsletter - Jo reported that Caren Doyle is the assistant editor.

Archives - (Lille) David Bridgman reports that he has plenty of room and filing cabinets in his office for the NOCALL archives. However, much of it is loose, unfiled and in looseleaf binders. He would like to know if we should bind some of this material. The information would then be a more permanent record and not as likely to get lost of separated. The board recommended that Dave investigate the cost of binding and submit the cost with his budget expenses.

Consulting - (Lille) Lauri Flynn and her committee member, Beth Shay of Fresno, are in the process of updating the Directory of Services and Consultants. This has not been done in four years. The committee has done four consults in the past year and has one coming up. Government Relations - (Linda) Susanne Dyer has written letters to OAL (Office of Administrative Law) and the California Law Revision Commission urging that the next ten-year contract for the CCR continue the existing depository program and that the California Law Revision Commission continue to publish each California administrative agency's Interpretive Guideline in the Notice Register.

Academic Relations - (Linda) Cynthia Papermaster reports that her committee has three members, Jaye Lapachet, Diane Gamlowski, and Janet Fischer.

Nominations - (Linda) Lee Ryan has no budget requests. Her

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If you would like to subscribe to NOCALL's electronic mailing list, send a message to: list-serv@assocdir.wuacc.edu with the following in the body of the message: subscribe nocall-list Your Name (e.g. subscribe nocall-list Tom Jones). If you have any questions about either of these services call or e-mail Joan Loftus, at (415) 986-4200 or loftus@netcom.com.

committee members to date are: Marlene Harmon and Donna Williams. Lee plans to recruit an additional member for the committee.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sue Welsh - The next board meeting will be at McGeorge on 11/4/97 at noon. Sue will send directions.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary October 14, 1997



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Public Access News

Coral Henning, Chair, Public Access Committee

Members: Jacqueline Cantwell, Bernard E. Witkin, Alameda
County Law Library, Leslie Forrester, Murphy Weir & Butler

he Public Access to Legal Information Committee is expanding the committee's outreach to include non-traditional user groups. The Committee has customarily conducted workshops for public librarians educating them in the use of legal

materials. However, the committee has had numerous requests

for these workshops from special libraries and non library groups.

Robert E. Mueller, a public employee's attorney, requested that the Committee give a two-hour workshop for eight business agents from Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 in October. He wanted the workshop to cover the common print resources: the codes, cases and the West Digest system. He specifically requested no Internet instruction. Mr. Mueller want-

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Operating Engineers Local Union #3 is the largest of the 182 local unions within the International Union of Operating Engineers with about 35,000 members throughout Northern California, Northern

Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. The local is based in Alameda, buts its business agents are scattered throughout the state and must rely on the county law libraries to research issues involving their membership.



Committee member Jacqueline Cantwell presented this successful

workshop. Attendees were impressed by the resources available for legal research and by NOCALL's commitment to public access to information.

Upcoming Events

he committee is scheduled to conduct two 1-1/2 hour workshops for Mountain Valley Library System on January 23rd. These sessions will be an overview of legal research using both print and internet resources. This will be conducted at Heald Business College's computer lab in Sacramento.

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