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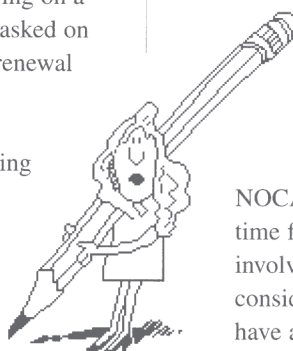
I can report what many of you know: NOCALL is an active, vibrant organization with membership benefits that take us beyond our own workplaces to share what we know and to learn from others. NOCALL now has 18 standing committees. I believe that one of the most valuable benefits of NOCALL membership is the oppor-

tunity to perform committee work. I am delighted to have learned that a good number of our members expressed an interest in serving on a NOCALL committee when asked on the NOCALL membership renewal forms sent out last May.

The names of the standing committees listed on the inside cover of this newsletter reflect the goals and objectives of our organization. New to the listing is the Technology Committee. Its charge is to facilitate Internet access and knowledge for members of NOCALL and to inform the membership on how to optimize technology in a law library set-

ting. Marie Blosh chairs the Technology Committee. The Internet Committee, under our Internet guru,

Joan Loftus, remains as a permanent subcommittee of the Technology Committee.



It is still early in the NOCALL year. If this is a good time for you to become actively involved in NOCALL, please consider committee work. If you have any questions about the various committees, or if you would

like to serve on a particular committee, feel free to contact me at weirl@uchastings.edu. Enjoy NOCALL!

— Linda Weir, NOCALL President



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Meet the New Board

Caren Doyle, Baker & McKenzie

I recently caught up with Eric Wade and Sue Welsh, NOCALL's Board Members, to find out a little bit about them — their personal interests, professional challenges, and their expectations as Board members.

CAREN: Please tell me about your current position, the professional chal-

lenges you have faced recently or anticipate facing in the coming year.

ERIC: I am a librarian with the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. My official title is something like "Assistant Librarian for Planning and Analysis." While I do provide reference services
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The 1998 NOCALL Spring Institute

Mary Ann Parker
California Department of Water Resources



As Vice-President of NOCALL this year, one of my responsibilities is planning and organizing the 1998 Spring Institute. The most important items to be decided soon are dates, location and topics. The Spring Institute has traditionally been held in March or early April and lasts for one afternoon and the following day. These days are either Thursday/Friday or Friday/Saturday.

Based on the fact that Easter is April 12 and the results of a survey conducted on the nocall-list, the Institute will be held in Napa on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, 1998.

Several people have volunteered to work on the Institute, for which I am grateful. Rest assured that I will be in contact with you when a firm date and location are decided. Committees such as Exhibits, Program, and Registration will need to be formed.

NOCALL and SCALL had discussed the possibility of a joint Institute to be held in Monterey in February or March of 1998, but the Executive Boards of both associations decided to defer this until 1999 when we will have more time for coordinating assignments.

Please contact me with your suggestions for the 1998 NOCALL Spring Institute. My phone number is (916) 653-8001 and my e-mail address is mparker@water.ca.gov.

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to the judges and staff here in San Francisco, about 80% of my time is spent dealing with the operations of the twenty branch library system that serves all the federal judges in the Ninth Circuit. Among other hats I manage aspects of procurement and contracting, I'm the budget officer, and the space planning specialist. Since I started with the courts in 1990 about a dozen libraries have been part of court building projects. Three more new courthouses will open within the next year and four more are planned; all with libraries involved. Our own library has certainly been right in the middle of all of it with our displacement following the earthquake, our move to the Rincon Center, and finally our return home. In addition to the pending space projects, a national contract has just been awarded for online systems for each of the Courts of Appeal and I've been charged with shepherding the installation here in the Ninth Circuit.

SUE: I am currently the Reader Services Librarian, Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento. Keeping up with the myriad technological changes has been the most challenging part of the job. I have recently coordinated, with the Information Technology Department, a Library Research Network consisting of 33 workstations on campus, accessing Lexis, Westlaw, Netscape, and selected CD-ROMs.

CAREN: Tell me about how you view your role on the Executive Board, why you decided to run for the position, and what you hope to contribute.

ERIC: Along with Sue Welsh, I'm one of the Board Members-at-Large. I had been avoiding NOCALL committee assignments recently but had been thinking it was time to get involved. When Jo called me to see if I would accept the nomination to run for the Board I felt this was an excellent way to get involved and serve the organization.

SUE: I am an "at large" member which means I do anything the

President or the Board asks of me. I have been a NOCALL member since 1981 and a member of AALL since 1970. I hope that the perspective gained during the many years of experience in various types and locations of law libraries, and serving on various committees will be valuable to the Board and to NOCALL. I am liaison to the Board for the Grants, Placement, and Public Relations Committees.

CAREN: Tell me about yourself, your interests, hobbies and your family.

ERIC: My wife Patty, who is a librarian at St. Mary's College,



and I have two kids—Amelia, 6, and Graham, 2. We enjoy outdoor activities, especially camping, backpacking and weekend trips to Pt. Reyes. We have a lab-mix dog who had his first (and hopefully last) encounter with a skunk yesterday in Inverness which made for a lovely trip home. I am also a home brewer, but haven't had much opportunity to brew since the birth of our son. Hopefully this will change soon.

SUE: I attended Colorado State University and obtained my M.S.L.S. from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I have been married to Neal Welsh for 29 years and we have two sons, Erick, 20, and Ethan, 18. Our small farm, iMenagerie Manor,i contains a variety of critters, such as llamas, emus, goats, assorted waterfowl and birds, and the usual dogs and cats. We love to travel, watch baseball and football, and of course, read (in our spare time). ♦

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Musings from Mark



Mark Mackler - Sonnenschein, Nath, & Rosenthal

OKAY, OKAY...Maybe I have been just a little negative lately. At least, that's what one of you told me recently. So, I'll try to write this issue's column without even one little bit of negativity slipping in.

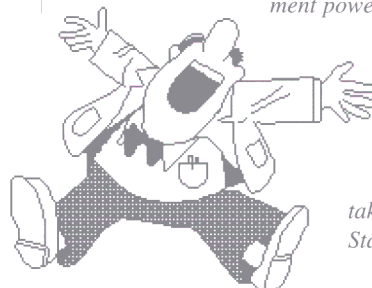
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CHECK OUT THE JANUARY "AMERICAN LIBRARIES"...The cover story is "Taking the Pulse-Library Education's Vital Signs Are Still Strong." Today's library schools are cultivating new fields and reaping a bumper crop of new professionals. This thought-provoking article by the director of the ALA's Office for Accreditation was positive and upbeat. In 1966, there were only 38 accredited Master's programs. In 1976, there were 64. Although 15 schools have closed since 1976, other schools have opened. "Today, there are 56 accredited programs, and 2 additional candidates for accreditation." In addition, from 1986 to 1996, the number of Master's degrees awarded annually in the United States and Canada rose from 3596 to 5273, a 46% increase.

The story which followed was called "Transforming the Curriculum; Transforming the Profession." It focused on the library schools at University of Michigan, Drexel, UI Urbana/Champaign, and Florida State University. These schools have made major overhauls to the respective curricula. By the way, I looked in vain for any mention of my alma mater, UC Berkeley.

DON DALY AND I... were chatting recently. You might remember how last year I wrote about Dick Bercik's retirement from West. Well, I learned from Don that he (Don) has been with D&B for 36 years! Yep, 36 years! A fellow lad from the Old Country (New England), Don's D&B job was his first "grown-up" job after his graduation from Providence College. Don tells me that we law library people are the most knowledgeable professionals of all the people with whom he meets. And, regardless of how some of us might think of ourselves, our profession is on the cutting edge of technological advances.

THE MERGER...Did you see the full-page ads sponsored by Staples and Office Depot? The ads, which promised lower prices for the American consumer, were designed to convince the FTC to allow the \$3.4 billion acquisition of Office Depot by Staples. At the time that I am writing this column, the FTC was saying "NO WAY." Even though the companies are the top two office-supply chains, and the merger would create an office supply colossus with 1,100 stores and \$10.7 billion in annual sales, the companies felt that the FTC's use of its enforcement power was "aggressive" and



"baffling." Hmmm...I wonder where the FTC was over the past year of The Merger machinations. And, I wonder when Thomson will take out ads similar to the Staples/Office Depot ads.

A TANGLED INFO WEB...is the title of "My Turn" in the February 17 issue of Newsweek. "Don't Be Deceived; Even a High-Tech Library Still Needs Shelves of Books and Journals." The author, a science editor for a digital information network, writes about her frustrating experiences at the new, multi-million dollar edifice called the Science, Industry and Business Library of the New York Public Library.

HERB CAEN IS GONE...and I really do miss him. Writing in *The Nation*, Alexander Cockburn recounted an interview he did with Caen. Caen told him: "Gossip has never gone out. I started writing gossip in high school in 1930 and it hasn't changed since then." Cockburn writes: "Herb most certainly didn't try to make his column as nasty as possible. Who wants to read a vicious boor every day of the week? In New York City, maybe, or Chicago, where a vicious boor like Mike Royko can thrive. But to the millions upon millions of San Franciscans who loved with his columns down the decades, Herb's was an act so intricate, so sure-footed, that he made it look easy, which is always the best advertisement of genius. He gave San Francisco a sense of itself—a sense that might be bitchy, sentimental, facetious, irritated, discursive, knowing, indignant or outraged, depending on his mood, which might often be the city's mood on that particular day."

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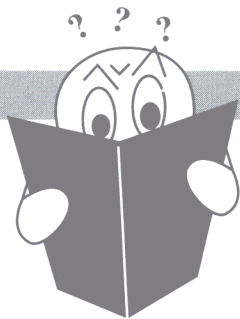
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What are YOU Reading??

by Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

I recently completed a sixteen volume series by Patrick O'Brien, an Irish author now living in France. The series focuses on the careers and globetrotting adventures of two characters who make unlikely, but fast, friends. Stephen Maturin is a surgeon/naturalist, part Irish, part Spanish, serving as a spy in the British Navy during and after the Napoleonic wars. Jack Aubrey is a naval officer and son of an admiral. The series encompasses: world travel, exploration, botany, naval battle, intrigue, espionage, romance, camaraderie, admiralty politics, navigation, seamanship, and sheer survival.

Mr. O'Brien has, in fine prose, captured the nuances of language, social status and comradeship. I read each book in a matter of days, and looked forward to the next. Once I purchase the few I don't actually own yet, I plan on rereading them in order!

— Dan Cunningham, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

The last book I read was *The Robber Bride*, by Margaret Atwood. It is a darkly humorous novel of three women friends united by female enemy they all share. A wonderful tale rich with the complexity of human relationships.

The book I'm currently reading is a Victorian mystery novel titled *Cain His Brother*, by Anne Perry. Heavenly Creatures, a recent film, is based on the true story of two adolescent girls living in New Zealand. Anne Perry was one of those girls, and she has quite an infamous past. Upon discovering that they would be separated due to Perry's family moving to Scotland, they proceeded to murder the other girl's mother. Both girls were released from prison when they were in their twenties, and Perry went on to become a famous mystery writer. Her stories are often quite diabolical while painting a wonder back drop of Victorian life. After having visited New Zealand myself, I am fascinated by Kiwi culture.

The book I'm about to read is *Geography of the Heart*, by Fenton Johnson. This book is Johnson's memoirs of life as a

gay man living in the southern United States and his subsequent struggle with the AIDS epidemic.

— Todd Bennett, Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges

The Rivals: William Gwin, David Broderick, and the Birth of California, by Andrew Quinn. This is a lively and compelling account of the rivalry between two politicians who were our state's U.S. Senators in the 1850's, and of how it expressed the nation's divisions over class, ethnicity, and slavery.

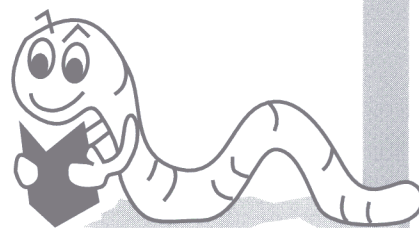
I am now reading Mark Twain's *Roughing It*, a humorous collection of stories and anecdotes about his overland trip to the Nevada and his experiences there in the 1860s.

— Michael Ginsborg, California Supreme Court Library

The last book I read was, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* by Oliver Sacks (1985). A fascinating look into the nature of spirituality, the soul, and what it means to be "normal". The author, a neurologist, writes for the lay reader and shares material from his casebook. It is very thoughtprovoking. I am currently reading *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hege. Trudi, the main character, has the unusual ability to sometimes see or feel as if she were in someone else's body. Trudi, a zwerge or dwarf born in Germany during World War I, discovers that everyone is different in some ways. Her observations about life and the world around her are often poignant and compelling.

— Cathy Hardy, Venture Law Group

If you'd like to contribute a description of what's currently residing on your reading table, please contact me, Nora Levine, via email at nls@chrm.com, or by phone at (510) 466-6195. Otherwise, you never know when you might be asked, "What are YOU reading?"





NOCALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- **October 4** Saturday
Advanced Web Page Design: Improving the Functionality of Your Web Page, BayNet. Moffitt Library, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley. Contact Barbara Kornstein (510) 642-3939
- **October 7** Tuesday
NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- **October 15** Wednesday
SLA San Francisco Bay Region Chapter October Dinner Meeting, Gray Beecham tells all about the "Peninsula's Palaces." Faculty Club, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley. Contact Tony Landolt, (510) 644-3140
- **October 16** Thursday
Giving Users What They Really Want/Need," a distance learning videoconference sponsored by SLA and Knight-Ridder Information. Contact Special Libraries Association, (202) 234-4700, ext. 649.
- **October 17** Friday
Pushing with Intelligence: What's the Promise of Push Technology? What's Intelligent about Agents? SLA San Andreas Chapter Professional Development Workshop. Contact Karen Reitz (415) 621-7943.
- **October 23-25** Thursday-Saturday
Thirtieth Annual WESTPAC Conference, Sacramento. "Use and Control of Information: Whose Information is it Anyway?" Contact Suzanne Miller (916) 739-7010
- **October 23-31** Thursday-Friday
Invitational Conference Series for Special Libraries (California State Library), Los Angeles. Law Libraries Conference is on Friday, October 31st. Contact Barbara Will (916) 653-7071
- **October 24** Friday
NOCALL News deadline for November/December issue
- **October 31** Friday
Digitizing Library Collections: From Copyright to Websites, presented by the SLA S.F. Bay Region Chapter Professional Development Committee. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco. Contact Beth Graham <grahambe@sfgate.com>

- **November 3** 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 4** Tuesday
NOCALL Executive Board Meeting
- **November 5** Wednesday
NOCALL Workshop on benchmarking, half day workshop at Marine's Memorial, San Francisco. Contact Jenny Kanji (415) 781-1707. Details to follow
- **November 16-19** Sunday-Tuesday
Internet Librarian '97 (Information Today), Monterey, CA. Contact (609) 654-6266.

1998

- **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
- **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, Marines' Memorial, San Francisco
- **February 3** Tuesday
NOCALL Executive Board Meeting

■ **February 15** Sunday

Due date for submitting additional nominations in writing to the President

■ **March 6-7** Friday - Saturday

NOCALL Spring Institute. Details and dates to follow

■ **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

■ **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

■ **April 19-25** Sunday-Saturday

National Library Week

■ **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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NOCALL Grant Recipient Attends SLA Annual Conference

— Jaye Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo —

The Special Libraries Association Conference was in Seattle this year, which made it a manageable trek with baby William in tow. Little William is too young to be home alone, so he had to come along. Seattle is a nice walking town, so William got to see the sights from the comfort of his stroller while I attended some very interesting programs.

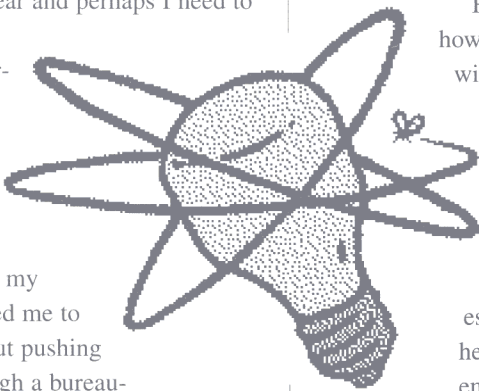
The theme of the conference was "Change as Opportunity," which gave me quite a lot of pause as a phrase. Lots of changes have gone on in my life the past year and perhaps I need to think of them more as opportunities than difficulties. Thinking of change as opportunity with regard to my job has enabled me to be strong about pushing changes through a bureaucracy, whose machinations I know little about.

Due to maintaining a William schedule, I did not get to attend as many programs as I would have liked. Below is a summary of some of the programs I attended.

OPENING SESSION

The speaker was Bill Gates, for, whose products, I have never had much enthusiasm. He is, however, a huge supporter of libraries, which forces me to continually re-evaluate my biases. All in all I was impressed. Mr. Gates

is an excellent speaker, and he showcased the skills of someone from his Library staff by allowing her to give a presentation within his presentation. This action seemed to show that he had a realistic grasp of his ego. He commented that, for the first time, more computers than TVs were sold last year — about 80 million. The computers today are also much easier to use than they were 20 years ago and will get easier and more prevalent during the next 20 years. Not much of the above was new information to me.



He defines efficiency as how fast people can deal with surprises. He considers librarians to be some of the most efficient people he has met, because of the speed with which they deal with surprises. This was nice to hear, because, if I embrace this definition, it means that the piles on my

desk do not signify inefficiency. He encourages librarians to embrace technology and assist in leading the organization into the future. He says this to librarians, because librarians are concerned about the use of the programs by the users, whereas MIS people often do not consider this angle. He thinks that librarians can have a huge impact on an organization by embracing technology.

I have not been at McKenna & Cuneo long enough to know how I can work the above statements into my work life, but I have been puzzling over

them since I heard them. I would be interested to hear what others of you do about embracing technology.

One of the last comments that he made was that the library should purchase information and site license it rather than having everyone buy their own information. This will save the company money and make the information more usable. This comment falls in with the new area of "knowledge management," but I wonder if our shrinking budgets can afford to do this and how this assessment fits in with Michael Gorman's *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness & Reality*?

SEC REVIEW

Disclosure gave a presentation on what the different types of SEC documents were, why they needed to be filed, and what information could be gleaned from them. While these are specialized documents for specific purposes, there is a lot of detailed information about companies that can be extracted from them. You need to know which document to ask for, and where, in the document, to look. There was a brief discussion of the relevant laws that affect the securities industry and then a detailed discussion of the forms that must be filed when a company goes public. The presenter also discussed when forms are filed and what their purposes are.

I learned a lot at this presentation and think it might be useful for others. Disclosure will work with librarians to set up a lunch time seminars for attorneys, paralegals, and secretaries.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT / WEB-INTRANETS

IntraNets can be an excellent Knowledge Management tool, in addition to getting people out on the Web in a directed and focused manner. A firm's IntraNet should be the place that employees can find anything they need to know to do their jobs, e.g. phone directory, job descriptions, organizational charts, employee manuals, benefits information. Librarians can add valuable insight to such a project because we maintain a global view of information management (rather than an IS or departmental view): Librarians are also excellent at communications, thus we can, often, bring diverse views together. Librarians can also act as good instructors, as we are concerned with end user searching and related issues.

The tips for moving forward on such a project are : a) get corporate buy-in, b) make sure you can deliver the website to the place that users work, c) customize the application to target the primary audience, d) update frequently, e) keep the site interesting, f) have a "what's new" section, and g) organize the site in such a way that people do not have to click through a lot of

pages before they find content. Users need to be able to easily find what they need.

Other presenters

suggested that the site be kept simple, but contain a lot of rich content. Graphics were also viewed as a feature to keep to a minimum.

BEST OF THE WEB

This was a discussion of the Web

sites that the presenters thought were the most useful and most user friendly. There were a lot of sites mentioned and they are all listed at <http://www.llrx.com/> in the SLA area.

EXHIBIT HALL

I spent some time in the Exhibit Hall reviewing products and services that might be useful for my firm. I went to the conference with a list of vendors that I wanted to see. Unfortunately none of them were at SLA, probably because they are primarily legal vendors. Descriptions of interesting products and services follow:

COLLECTANEA

Collectanea is a product from EBSCO Industries, traditionally a subscription agent. It is a World Wide Web based product that connects the user to many Web sites related to businesses and industry. The sites are organized so that all sites related to one company come up as clickable options when a particular company is searched.

This is a very interesting product, but I have some reservations. If the firm does not have universal Internet/Web desktop access and this product is priced by the number of users with a minimum of \$10,000, then the firm does not get much for the money. I spoke to Rita Kaiser in our DC office and she said that a lot of the information on Collectanea was in abstract form, which, as we know, is often not sufficient for attorneys' purposes.

GLAS

This is the software that all of our firm's libraries will be migrating to in the next couple of years. I previewed it in order to see what we are getting. I was not impressed because it seems that the product has no flexibility. This means that the product supports standards common in libraries, but does not

allow much modification of those standards. In firm libraries the bottom line is that lawyers need to be able to find library materials quickly, and they need to receive appropriate information, which librarians should have the ability to generated from the library software. I discussed this product, as well as the more expensive sister version, QUE, with our local representative, and she appeared to be open to feedback. Hopefully, the products will evolve in the time it takes our firm to convert the various libraries.

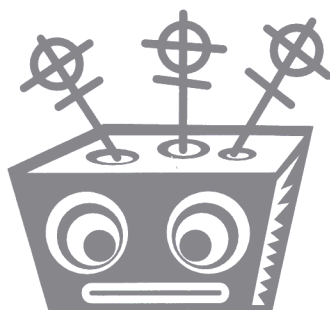
MICROSOFT BOOTH

Despite the fact that Microsoft was a big sponsor of the conference, I was impressed to see that they also had a booth with the Microsoft librarians out in force staffing it. They were able to answer some questions that I had about Microsoft Access training and applications (see www.microsoft.com/access or www.microsoft.com/training). I encourage all of you using Access to write up a description of your application and submit it to Microsoft for inclusion, as a case study, on their Website.

MISCELLANY

I was quite surprised to see so many law librarians there. I hope to attend AALL next year. I am sure that the hard work that Nancy Adams and Michael Saint-Onge have put into planning the programs will pay off and make the Anaheim convention one of the best in a long time. I hope that AALL takes a lesson from SLA and begins to respond more quickly to the changes that information professionals face, so that firm librarians are not forced to find educational value elsewhere in Libraryland.

Thank you for the grant to attend SLA. I learned a lot and feel it was a valuable experience. ♦



BREAK TIME

Joan Loftus, Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon LLP

So, where do you go when the brain is mushy from too much reference or the latest budget round and you need a refreshing break? I realize that some healthy people may go take a walk, but what about the rest of us?! Are you sliding on over to the QVC site or looking for the latest news on All My Children? I posted a message on the nocall-list asking fellow librarians for some suggestions and here's a sampling of what came back. Thanks to everyone who responded. I've included all the sites on the NOCALL Break Time page (<http://www.nocall.org/fun.html>).

FAYE JONES I think the best "fun" sites are the ones that reflect personal interests like travel.

One of my favorites is by Rick Steves and his Europe Through the Back Door group at

<http://www.ricksteves.com/>



Also, my interest in women's spirituality is well served on the web. I have found amazing scholarly articles and bibliographies at

<http://www.voiceofwomen.com/>,
<http://www.jmas.co.jp/FAQs/feminism/refs3> and <http://www.dur.ac.uk/~dth3nk/fembib.html>

DARIN FOX at USC has a "Frolic and Detour" section (<http://www.usc.edu/dept/lib/fun/funstuff.html>) with links to the Dilbert home page and other fun stuff. You can even buy Dilbert clothes, paraphernalia, mousepads, etc.

ANNA LANKFORD I go to <http://www.ebay.com> and see what antiques are up for auction. This is a very dangerous web page by the way!

DONELLA JOHNSON Following are the sites I normally visit for law relief: Reel Views: James Berardinelli's Movie Reviews - insightful reviews of most new movies with great links to other sites, including "Girls on Film."

<http://movie-reviews.colossus.net/>

Driveways of the Rich & Famous - pictures of their driveways, together with interviews of their mail deliverers, gardeners, etc.

<http://www.driveways.com>

Dead People Server - tells you where all the bodies are buried, with interesting anecdotes attached. Macbre fun.

<http://www.city-net.com/~lmann/dps/>

NANCY GREEN Here are various web sites - some whimsical, some fun/interactive:

The American Yo-Yo Association:

<http://www.pd.net/yoyo/> The Hangman's Page: <http://www.slip.net/~nimrod/hangman.html> The Puzzle Connection:

<http://www.smartcode.com/puzzle> Your Move: <http://www.scrabble.com/corner/yourmove.html>



ON THE NET

JANE METZ Of course I love checking the daily news on sites like The Gate (<http://www.sfgate.com/>) and CNN (<http://www.cnn.com/>). And I browse Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com/>) almost daily. But the more unusual site I have been using lately is <http://www.bassettfurniture.com>. I used it in making a decision about buying a new dining room set.

I thought of another unusual website that I use. A friend of mine is a newspaper photographer for the Grand Island Independent in Grand Island, Nebraska. Their website features a front page photo each day. Sometimes I look to see if her photo made the front page and that way I see what she has been working on lately.

ROBIN MAYPER Ok, I love going to the David Letterman Homepage and checking out the recent top ten lists and the archives of the top ten lists. I am often seen giggling quietly in my office. I just love Dave. <http://www.cbs.com/lateshow/ttlist.html>

ANONYMOUS One of my favorite websites in Whoosh! The Journal of the International Association of Xena Studies (<http://www.thirdstory.com/whoosh/>). Another is Xena's Campfire Girls (<http://www.mindspring.com/~bkbragg/>)

CELLA MITCHELL The Mentos Gallery - Great works of art (or a horrible butchering of great art) with the Mentos influence. <http://www.karelia.com/mentos/>

221B Baker Street - For Sherlock Holmes fans.
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/andrew.cmu.edu/usr18/mset/www/holmes.html>



The Camelot Project - For King Arthur and the Round Table fans.
<http://rodent.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/CPHONE.htm#back>

The Electric Postcard - Send a friend a postcard via the web.
<http://postcards.www.media.mit.edu/Postcards/cardrack.html>

JAYE LAPACHET At home I look at <http://www.thespot.com/>. It is a soap opera with hyperlinks. I like it because it is too weird for words and makes me happy that I have my non-bizarre life (in comparison!). It is set in Venice Beach.

CINDY WELLER Virtual Flowers:
<http://www.virtualflowers.com/> Blue Mountain Arts' Animated Electronic Greeting Cards:
<http://www.bluemountainarts.com/>





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Marie Blosh, Hayward Public Library

"Don't bother me . . . I'm CRABBY!" and other crab-related slogans abounded in Baltimore, site of the 90th Annual Meeting of AALL this year. Thank you, members of NOCALL, for the generous grant that allowed me to attend.

Saturday at the meeting dawned hot and humid. The Orioles were playing in Camden Yard, located next to the Baltimore Convention Center. But weather and sporting events didn't stop NOCALL member and AALL Committee on Diversity Chair Cossette Sun from presenting the "Diversity Symposium." Participants included AALL Executive Board Member Carol Nicholson, who spoke from the audience about minority involvement and her experiences with AALL. She noted that minorities seem to sit on the board "one at a time." Other speakers stressed the importance of outreach by the organization, and suggested having a session on diversity as part of every annual meeting. The Diversity Committee gave participants colorful ribbons to wear on their name badges. It was a great idea — the ribbons evoked a lot of questions and discussions for the remainder of the convention.

Speaking of being actively involved in the organization, what do you think about AALL (or NOCALL) taking a position on controversial social topics, such as animal rights or affirmative action? What about topics like legal publisher issues? These questions were put on the table in an educational program coordinated by NOCALL members Leslie Campbell and Prano Amjadi. The history of AALL's involvement with social concerns was recounted by Social Responsibilities SIS member Ann Puckett. Not surprisingly, there was an increase in social awareness in the late 1960's. Perhaps the most stirring comment came from panelist and former ABA President George Bushnell, Jr. He noted that when some members try to prevent an organization from taking a stand, they are stepping on the free speech rights of other members.

The discussions weren't all about the organization. There were plenty of programs where attendees could leave with increased knowledge or a new skill. Is gaining this information for the benefit of your employer the only reason to attend the annual meeting? Alert Publications publisher Donna Tuke Heroy thought so when she spoke from the floor at a panel discussion on the future of AALL. I, for one, was glad when Cossette Sun stepped to the microphone and pointed out the value of talking about issues such as diversity. Later, at the program on the history of social responsibility, publisher and

former ALA President Patricia Glass Schuman commented that librarians need to discuss social issues through their professional organizations, because if we don't do it someone else will, and they won't have our interests in mind.

How we define our interests as law librarians was raised at the business meeting. Two amendments to the by-laws were proposed. The first was to allow "any person or institution interested in law libraries, legal information and the objectives of the Association . . . to vote, to serve on committees, (and) to belong to special interest sections." Arguments in favor of the amendment focused on widening the membership base. However, serious concerns were raised about the amendment's vagueness, and the conflict of interest raised by vendors having the right to vote and participate on committees. The amendment was returned to the Bylaws Committee for more analysis. The second proposed amendment was to allow chapters to set their own criteria for membership. It passed on a voice vote.

Taking a break from these heady discussions, I looked around the convention center and saw that NOCALL members were involved everywhere: Cathy Hardy was honored with the President's Award for her work on California Senate Bill 1507 . . . Christine Tarr coordinated two sessions on the new Library of Congress classification schemes, and Wiltrud Harms was a panelist . . . Nancy Adams coordinated a program on how to write a library procedures manual . . . Kathleen Vanden Heuvel spoke on evaluating the legal research skills of students . . . Peg Durkin was a presenter on English law sources . . . Judy Janes spoke on public records laws . . . Tom Reynolds moderated a panel on international legal regimes . . . Michael Saint-Onge (program chair for the 1998 Annual Meeting) coordinated a nuts-and-bolts session on how to write and how to get that writing published (publishers want to hear our ideas and will work with us to edit our drafts), and Bob Berring spoke on getting over writer's block (try summarizing what you want to say in a single paragraph). I hope I haven't missed anyone! Since seven programs were offered during each time slot, it was impossible to attend every one of them.

An educational program I did attend, and was disappointed by, was a session on the "morphing" of law librarians into new and different positions. Having recently moved from an academic law library to a public library, this idea has been on my mind. It must be on the minds of a lot of

ALA MEETS IN SEATTLE

Prepared by the Liaison Committee to the ALA

The annual Association of Legal Administrators' conference was held in Seattle on May 19 - 21, 1997. Seattle law librarians, headed by Barbara Holt, set up and staffed a AALL booth in the exhibit hall for three days during the conference. PLL brochures, the Tool Kit and other AALL information was available to the meeting attendees. Prior to the conference, Seattle law librarians mailed a postcard to the 1400 ALA registrants informing them about our booth and our program. The postcard was generously underwritten by Lexis/Nexis.

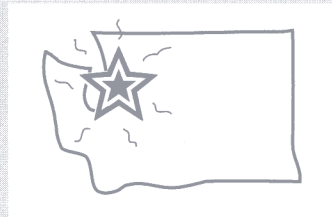
Since we were considered "vendors" at this meeting, we had the perfect opportunity to meet and inform administrators about the value of law librarians in their firms or corporations. Those who stopped by our booth included administrators of both large and small firms or corporations. The majority of the ALA membership is from smaller firms. The Seattle librarians effectively communicated the many good reasons why this group should hire law librarians.

Another great opportunity was for us to see and speak with the other types of vendors who do not normally exhibit at AALL. These included companies which specialize in outsourcing, accounting systems, office machines and computers. Naturally, Microsoft had the largest booth and presentation of all! Bill Gates was

even the keynote speaker, giving a demonstration of Windows 97 and its alliance with Lexis' new product LEXIS 7.0.

On Wednesday, May 21st, Ann Ellis, Penny Hazelton and Jean Holcomb presented a program on "Maximizing Information Resources - Does Your Firm Value Its Law Library?" They presented a practical overview of what a law librarian can do for a firm - research, budgeting, marketing, business development, training, negotiating online contracts, implementing technology and assuming other responsibilities in a firm. The speakers brought to the group an understanding of how lawyers research, what resources are available from varied sources and relations with vendors.

PLL's participation at ALA this year was a very positive step. The contacts that were made are invaluable. Next year, ALA will meet in Boston. Jane Huston will be chairing the committee to organize the booth and local arrangements. Plans are under way for the 1998 Annual meeting and Joan Axelroth and Jenny Kanji have already submitted several program proposals for Boston. ♦



librarians, since the turn-out for this session was very high. However, each of the three panelists made a career switch from a law firm to a corporate librarian position. There was no discussion of other alternatives. One of the speakers did mention that librarians have a core set of skills. Perhaps we should more strongly identify these skills. We could use them to make career changes, and also as the basis of our credibility to speak out, as librarians, about the direction new technology is taking and other issues.

Don't think the Annual Meeting only provided food for thought. The organizers made sure the actual food was plentiful, too. They even combined the two at the Association Luncheon. Noted author and scholar Stephen Carter gave the keynote address. He spoke on integrity and how it fits into our

daily lives on and off the job.

Another not-to-be-missed social event was the NOCALL reception. Organizers Coral Henning and Donna Purvis found a fantastic brewpub called the "Wharf Rat" near the convention center. Plenty of NOCALL members, but no wharf rats, were seen in the vicinity.

The Annual Meeting ended with the Closing Banquet. Each chair was decorated with bright orange paper sunglasses for diners to wear while looking forward to next year's meeting in Anaheim. ♦





Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held November 1, 1996

The meeting was held at the offices of Baker & McKenzie at 2 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Present were: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Donna Purvis, Marlowe Griffiths, Donna Williams, Mark Mackler & Alice McKenzie. Jo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of 10/17/96 were approved as submitted.

2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

SFPL Liaison / SF PLL Joint Venture Request - The Board agreed that if we have a liaison, it should be a Bay Area Libraries liaison, not just San Francisco.,

Speaker's Bureau - Donna W. reported that SCALL member, Nanna Frye, contacted her about the idea of a joint NOCALL/SCALL Speaker's Bureau. She would like to compile a list of librarians who can speak on particular topics and keep it on file. This responsibility could become a function of the Public Relations or Public Access Committee.

Technology Committee - Alice reported that the person she had in mind to Chair this new committee declined the offer. She will continue her search for a chair.

Mentoring Committee - Jo reported that this could become a part of the Membership committee. An alternate plan would be to put mentoring duties under the Academic Relations committee.

SF SLA/NOCALL Workshop - Jo spoke with the President of the S.F. SLA chapter and will announce the S.F./San Andreas Chapter SLA dinner meeting on the NOCALL listserv. The SLA president was also interested in co-sponsoring a workshop with us. The Board agreed to explore the possibility of a joint workshop with the S.F. SLA chapter.

3. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe submitted the treasurer's report. She changed the format to include all committee's income and expenses. If necessary, she may file an amended tax return. The Board voted and approved Resolution 1996-10. 'The treasurer's books shall be audited every year rather than every other year.

Fundraising Project - Moved to unfinished business.

Procedures Manual - At this point, all committee and Board job

descriptions are in the manual except for the Treasurer's. Donna W. felt that since it is a living document, it should be printed now to distribute to all committee chairs.

Board Liability & Responsibilities - Jo assumes that some of the information we want to know will be in our insurance policy that AALL selects for the chapters. Donna P. reported that last year, AALL did not respond to requests made at the Chapter Presidents meeting regarding the insurance policy and our Board liabilities. Jo will contact Roger Parent of AALL and request a copy of the policy on behalf of the entire Board. Moved to unfinished business.

January Business Meeting & Matthew Bender Lunch - Jo will contact Bancroft-Whitney to see if they are still interested in hosting our January Business Meeting with special guest, Ann Grande.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Jo:

Education - Jenny Kanji reported that 50 people were signed up for the 11/6 'Imaging is Everything' workshop.

Newsletter - Since we still have no editor, Jo will put out the next issue with Mark's assistance. The formatting will be outsourced starting with the January/February issue.

Donna P.:

Academic Relations - They are proceeding with a joint reception at SJSU with SLA in February 1997. They also want to check into SJSU providing a course in Law Librarianship, as well as the usual talk on career days. Finally, we briefly discussed how to get other people, like library technicians from Foothill College, into law libraries. Moved to unfinished business.

Government Relations - Cathy Harding expressed interest in attending a Board Meeting to discuss how to do get a faster response time in working with the California Law Revision Commission. The Board agreed to allocate 10 minutes at the next meeting. As Board members, we agreed we should be prepared to respond quickly when called upon. Moved to unfinished business.



Brent:

Spring Institute - Brent prefers the Concord Sheraton because the offer is more attractive than the Walnut Creek Marriott.

Marlowe:

Membership - The Directory should be printed and distributed by December.

Mark:

Consulting Network Task Force - Nothing new.

Union List - We discussed the possibility that the price for the next edition's be increased for non-members.

Alice:

Internet / Technology Committee, Public Relations - She is

still looking for chairs for these 2 committees. Alice/Jo will put a note out on the NOCALL listserv with a brief description of what the Board has in mind for these positions.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Board Meeting - Our next Board meeting will be on December 6 at Jo's office.

5. ADJOURNMENT. Jo adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary

November 7, 1996

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held January 10, 1997

The meeting was held at McCutchen in San Francisco. Present: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Donna Purvis, Mark Mackler, Alice McKenzie. The meeting began at 12:10 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Minutes from the November 1 meeting we approved as amended.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Mark will be contacting two members who had proposals for the Board. The mentoring committee will be a part of the membership committee and the Board will define its responsibilities. SLA-NOCALL workshop is deferred for this year.

Education Committee - Jenny Kanji is considering a noon program in April or May

Procedures Manual - The manual will be reproduced and distributed to Board and Committee Chairs.

Board Liability - Jo has messages to Roger Parent and the Council of Chapter Presidents.

Constitution and Bylaws - Jo will be discussing proposed changes with Mary Hood.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

SFPL Cutbacks - The Board declined to take a position on this matter. Mark Mackler will be Acting Secretary during Donna Williams' absence.

Academic Relations - The committee is working on a joint reception in February in San Jose for SJSU students.

NOCALL Institute - The Board authorized two student grants.

Government Relations - Discussion centered around how the Senate Rules committee would be storing its archives. The Government Relations Committee will be asked to make its views known to the appropriate officials.

4. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Mark Mackler
Acting Secretary



EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held February 14, 1997

The meeting was held at McCutchen in San Francisco. Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 12:15. Present: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Marlowe Griffiths, Mark Mackler, Alice McKenzie. Absent: Donna Purvis and Donna Williams.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bay Area Libraries Liaison - No further action.

SFPLL Brown Bag Status - No further action.

Fundraising Project - Postponed. Will be discussed at joint/transition Board meeting.

Board Liability - We received a one-page fax from AALL outlining our insurance coverage. Mark Mackler will draft a memo outlining questions and concerns.

Constitution & Bylaws - We continued discussion on possible changes in language and upcoming actions regarding mission statement, nominations process and procedures, respective definitions of Active members and Associate members, and nondiscrimination language.

2. NEW BUSINESS. Brent Bernau will be taking a job in San Diego and will be unable to serve his term as President. Brent Bernau discussed plans for a joint NOCALL/SCALL joint Institute. The Board concurred with the direction the planning was taking. Regarding grants allocation procedures, the Board discussed whether it was appropriate for NOCALL members to apply for NOCALL grants for events outside of NOCALL. The subject was moved to Unfinished Business. Marlowe announced that the Chapter was in good financial shape, and suggested that we put some funds into reserve to meet extraordinary expenses.

3. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Mark Mackler
Acting Secretary

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held May 2, 1997

The meeting was held at McCutchen in San Francisco. Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Present: Jo Caporaso, Marlowe Griffiths, Donna Purvis, Mark Mackler. Also present: Linda Weir. Absent: Donna Williams and Alice McKenzie.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of February 14 were approved as amended.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Constitution & Bylaws - The Board recommended that the new Board add 'education' to the NOCALL Mission Statement; that changes be adopted in the nondiscrimination language; that the

new Board look at AALL's proposed changes in membership status, and accordingly on similar NOCALL issues.

Nominations Process - The Board recommended that the new Board consider possible changes in the NOCALL nominations process.



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Board Liability - The Board recommended the new Board review the package of E&O insurance information which Mark Mackler compiled.

Procedures Manual - We will distribute the procedures manual to all chairs, with instructions to review it and to make changes to it by a definite date.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

Awarding of Grants to Non-AALL Events - The Board recommended that the next Board decide on award figures during the budget process, to be allocated to AALL, NOCALL or other professional activities. This would be subject to the state of the NOCALL treasury at the time.

Budget - Marlowe gave the Treasurer's report and indicated that we are in a strong financial position.

Internal Communications - We discussed the uses of the NOCALL listserv for chapter communications, although we are aware of the potential problems for members who do not have e-mail.

AALL Exhibit Hall - The Board voted not to organize a display in the Exhibit Hall in Baltimore this summer.

4. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mackler
Acting Secretary

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Joint Board Meeting held June 13, 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, Eric Wade, Sue Welsh, Jo Caporaso, Alice McKenzie, Mark Mackler. Absent: Donna Williams. Linda called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes for the May 2 meeting were not available for approval.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Procedure Manual - Jo will handle getting a copy on disk.
Joint NOCALL/SCALL Meeting - Mary Ann discussed the proposed joint NOCALL/SCALL meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe suggested NOCALL put some money in a C.D. to cover unexpected occurrences such as canceled program hotel expenses. She also suggested NOCALL contact an auditor to see whether the NOCALL union list is subject to sales tax.

Issues for Executive Board - AALL is considering a membership policy change. Presently associate members can't vote, but at the annual meeting there may be changes to this policy.
Meeting expenses - Meeting expenses related to travel were discussed.

Fundraising - Vendors need to know in advance for funding for their budgets. The mission for executive board members this term is to get vendors to commit to union list advertising, etc.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES.

Internet Committee - The Internet Committee was discussed. It is to become the Technology Committee. (Joan Loftus will maintain the internet site.)



EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Network Taskforce Committee - The work of this committee has been reported as completed.

Constitution and Bylaws - The membership needs to vote on the wording sexual orientation instead of sexual preference in Article IX of the NOCALL Constitution. Membership categories were discussed.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Board Meeting - Our next Board meeting will be at Hastings on Monday, August 4. The Executive Board will meet monthly except for July and December. A schedule of meeting dates will be drafted by the secretary and president and presented to the Board in August.

Committee Chair Meeting - a committee chairs meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, at Hastings. On the agenda will be the NOCALL goals and objectives; we will talk about

each other's committee work and share information from the AALL annual meeting.

AALL Chapter Biography - Linda passed out the AALL Chapter Biography for board members to review. This biography has been requested by AALL.

AALL Annual Meeting - Linda passed out a list of AALL meetings in Baltimore sponsored by the chapter presidents that board members might like to attend.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Linda adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski
NOCALL Secretary
July 10, 1997

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held August 4, 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, Eric Wade, and Sue Welsh. Absent: Mary Ann Parker and Jo Caporaso. Linda called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Copies of the last board meeting minutes, the NOCALL Calendar of Events, the treasurer's report and the NOCALL Policies and Procedures Manual were passed out to all present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 6/13/97 were read and approved as submitted.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Procedures Manual - Linda asked the board members to look over the NOCALL Policies and Procedures Manual and asked the board members to let her know which committees they would like to be a liaison for. The treasurer will not be the liaison for audit/budget committee. The manual will be passed out to committee chairs at the 9/13/97 planning meeting.

Joint NOCALL/SCALL Institute - This joint institute has been postponed until 1999. A preplanning joint committee will be formed by Mary Ann Parker and the SCALL president.

AALL Membership Policy Proposal - AALL did not pass the membership policy change at the annual meeting in Baltimore. This proposal was sent back to committee for being too vague. The change would have allowed associate members to vote.

Fundraising - A discussion was held on getting in touch with vendors. Marlowe pointed out that at SLA vendors underwrite



tables at Institutes for \$100.00 and leave materials and placard on the table.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

Treasurer's Report - NOCALL has a \$35,986 balance. Much of this revenue is from the early membership renewals received, the Spring Institute, and the ongoing sale of the union list. There will not be a new edition of the union list this year. Marlowe paid our AALL insurance for meetings at law schools, etc. The discrepancy with the 1996 balance has been reconciled. Our CPA says that an organization our size does not need a full blown audit, however he will help us with our tax returns. Marlowe will look into NOCALL getting a C.D. or money market account for excess funds.

September Business Meeting - We plan to honor the NOCALL Government Relations Committee at this meeting. Possible speakers for the meeting were discussed.

AALL Chapter Visit Request - An AALL officer is planning a chapter visit. It could be Judy Meadows, Frank Houdek or another member of the Executive Board. NOCALL will allocate money for the travel expenses involved.

NOCALL Calendar - The NOCALL calendar was reviewed. The September, January and May business meetings were discussed.

SCALL Directory - The Board discussed the format of the

SCALL membership directory.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES.

Technology Committee - Marlowe gave a brief history of the Internet committee.

Education Committee - The education committee brown bag meetings have been very well attended. The committee would like to expand the meetings to the entire Bay Area and Sacramento. Hopefully, a meeting will be planned for every other month.

Committee Chairs - There are chairs for all but one of the NOCALL committees.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Board Meeting - Our next board meeting will be at Hastings on Wednesday, September 3.

Committee Chair Meeting - The Committee chairs/planning meeting is now scheduled for Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 am - 3:30 pm at Hastings.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski
NOCALL Secretary
August 7, 1997

Minutes of the NOCALL January Business Meeting January 17, 1997

The meeting was held at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 12:50 and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 80 members and guests.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes from the September 12, 1996 Fall business meeting were distributed and approved.

2. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Marlowe Griffiths reported the chapter is in good standing. A report was submitted showing

a balance on September 11, 1996 of \$20,777.56. Income was \$18,318.84 and expenses were \$7,341.66, leaving a balance on 1/17/97 of \$31,754.74.

3. **1997/98 NOMINATIONS.** Jo announced the roster of candidates for 1997/98 and thanked the Nominations Committee for



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their persistence and hard work. The candidates are Secretary: Debby Kearney and Lille Koski; Executive Board Members (two on-year positions): Prano Amjadi, Susan Van Syckel, Eric Wade, and Sue Welsh. Jo reported that we do not yet have a candidate for Vice President/President-Elect.

4. HIGHLIGHTS FROM GUEST SPEAKER, ANNE

GRANDE, AALL TREASURER. AALL membership is approximately 40% corporate and private, 40% academic, 14% state, county, and court, and 6% others. Membership is relatively stable at 5,000, 85% of us are MLS, and 15% of us are JD. 40% of us attend the annual meeting. We have 30 chapters, 13 SIS's and 25 committees. The very active Washington Affairs Office works out of office space donated by Georgetown. The budget is \$2.5 million. Annual Meeting is the big source of revenue, and AALL benefits from various gifts and grants from publishers. Major future changes; regional meetings and programming including the Spring satellite conference co-sponsored with SLA and MLA.: new committee structures for education and professional development.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Academic Relations - Cynthia Papermaster reported that the Committee co-sponsored a reception with the SLA San Andreas Chapter for students of the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science. The Committee met with Bill Fisher to explore ways to increase student exposure to law librarianship and is posting NOCALL job listings on the SLIS Internet site.

Education - Jo reported that the Education Committee, chaired by Jenny Kanji, held a half-day workshop on November 12 entitled 'Image is Everything: Packaging Electronic Information.' Future tentative plans include a luncheon program and a half-day program.

Government Relations - Donna Purvis announced that the committee is looking for more members and that interested members should contact Cathy Hardy.

Grants - Mary Sigafoos reported that the committee awarded grants of \$975.00 each to Jacqueline Cantwell and Kumar Percy to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in July 1996. She encouraged NOCALL members to apply for grants for the Institute, Annual Meeting and Summer Institute, and other benefits that might benefit law librarians.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer reported that there are currently 396 NOCALL members. She called for volunteers and explained that the NOCALL Directory is almost completed.

Newsletter - Jo Caporaso reported that the next issue of NOCALL News is in production. She called for volunteers to write articles.

Placement - Mary Staats reported on the surge of new positions in the Bay Area over recent months. Approximately 40 library positions were posted on the NOCALL web page. Because there have been so many listings, Mary is encouraging job seekers to check our NOCALL web page frequently.

Spring Institute: Brent Bernau reported that the Institute will be held at the Concord Sheraton.

6. **RENEE LORDA, WEST GROUP.** Renee Lorda of West Group, sponsors of this luncheon, took the opportunity to greet the members and acknowledge their continuing commitment to the customers.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Jo called for announcements and there were none.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mackler
Acting Secretary



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Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held May 15, 1997

The meeting was held at U.C. Berkeley, Boalt Hall. President Jo Caporaso called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. There were approximately 45 attendees.

1. **WELCOME.** Jo welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Kathleen Vanden Heuvel for allowing us to hold the meeting at Boalt Hall, and Marlene Harmon for planning the reception.

2. **GUEST SPEAKER.** Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, Deputy Director of Boalt Hall Law Library. Kathleen gave us a brief overview of the building project that the Boalt Hall law library recently completed. She discussed the good and bad points to the new library layout. She also stressed the need for librarians to believe in our history as librarians, to educate and be visible, and work on having lawyers and faculty on our side.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** We did not have a quorum present to vote on approving January's Business Meeting minutes, so we had to have a motion to suspend the Bylaws.

A motion was moved to suspend the Bylaws.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The minutes from the Business Meeting of 1/17/97 were distributed at today's meeting.

A motion was moved to approve the minutes.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **STATE OF THE CHAPTER.** Jo explained that in spite of the lack of several important committee's, the Board is satisfied with this year's performance. She pointed out that the most important thing learned from the town hall meeting is what our members believe is most important to them — education. She thanked Jenny Kanji and the Education Committee and Brent Bernau & the Spring Institute committee for several well attended programs. She acknowledged the efforts of the Government Relations Committee for receiving recognition for NOCALL sponsored legislation. She thanked Joan Loftus for her work in maintaining the NOCALL home page. She recommended that the incoming board consider two important projects which were not accomplished this year — a fundraising program and a strategic plan. Finally, the chapter itself is in very good financial standing

and we hope to see a surge of committee participation in the upcoming year.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Jo summarized Marlowe Griffiths report. A year end report was submitted which showed a balance on 5/15/97 of \$32,544.32. For the year, income was \$48,338.02 and expenses were \$30,161.31.

6. **MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS.** A motion was moved to destroy the ballots from the 1996-97 NOCALL election. This includes the regular election and the special election.

A motion was moved to destroy the ballots.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. **COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS.**

Academic Relations - Donna Purvis reported for Cynthia Papermaster, Chair. Cynthia wanted to bring an important e-mail to the attention of NOCALL members. It is from the Alumni Association of the UC Berkeley, School of Information and Management Systems (SIMS) regarding the curriculum. "If alumni have comments about the curriculum — especially if you're a potential employer of graduates of the School — please send them to this listserv. The Curriculum Committee of the Alumni Assn. Bd. will collate the comments and present them to the Dean and Faculty. The School would find it especially useful to have comments framed in terms of future employment for its students." The web site is www.sims.berkeley.edu.

Audit & Budget - Prano Amjadi announced the budget for fiscal year 1996-97 was submitted and approved by the Executive Board. Records were reconciled for FY 1995-96 by the incoming treasurer. They will be reviewed next month and be submitted back to the treasurer. A tentative budget for FY 1997-98 was submitted to the Executive Board. Finally, the committee recommends that an outside consultant be retained to review the book annually and committee chairs are encouraged to have their employers absorb costs when possible.



Constitution and Bylaws - Prano Amjadi reported for Mary Hood, Chair, that her committee has one minor change in the Constitution to be voted on at the Fall Business meeting. It concerns the language in 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 out below. Additions are indicated by *italics*. Deletions are indicated by strikeouts.

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 *orientation*, or disability.

Education - Jenny Kanji, Chair, and members Cella Mitchell and Leslie Forrester worked hard to provide the following educational presentations: a Fall Workshop on "Image is Everything: Packaging Electronic Information" where 63 members attended; and a series of Professional Development Brown Bag Luncheons, the first being "The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success,"; and the second entitled "The Intranets & Extranets." All programs were well attended.

Government Relations - Donna Purvis reported for Cathy Hardy, Chair, and committee members: Judy Janes, Carolina Rose, Nancy Hoebelheinrich, Evy Posamentier. This year major accomplishments were: passage of S.B. 1507; an award from ALA in conjunction with the Coalition of Government Information; working with the California Law Revision Commission to study issues raises in a report submitted by this committee; preserved historical copies of the CA Notice Register - Senator Kopp added \$15,000 to the CA State Library Budget for the microfilming of the register; and finally the committee will distribute copies of the CA pocket Roster. They encouraged members to volunteer for this committee because it is an exciting time for informational professionals and we need to let our voices be heard.

Grants - Lille Koski, Chair, submitted a report that 5 grants, totaling \$2800.00, have been awarded this year. 1.) Jaye Lapachet from McKenna & Cuneo in the amount of \$600.00 to attend the 1997 SLA Annual Conference. 2.) Jill Woolums from Catholic Healthcare West in the amount of \$600.00 to attend the 1997 SLA Annual Conference. 3.) Susanne Pierce Dyer from Alameda County Law Library in the amount of \$650.00 to attend the 1997 AALL Annual Meeting. 4.) Marie Blosh from Hayward Public Library in the amount of \$650.00 to attend the 1997 AALL

Annual Meeting. 5.) Nancy J. Hoebelheinrich from USF Law Library in the amount of \$300.00 to attend the 1997 AALL Annual Meeting. Committee members were: Lydia Freeman, John Moore, and Mary Sigafos.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer, Chair, reported we have 415 members. She also reminded us that membership renewals will be mailed out shortly and are due back by July 1st so the directory will be published in a timely manner. She called for volunteers to serve as mentors to new members.

Newsletter - Jo reported that it cost about \$700 to reproduce the November/December issue of NOCALL News and about \$600 for the desktop publishing including the new design. Income from advertising was approximately \$440. Jo expressed disappointment in not being able to successfully handle the Newsletter Editor duties in addition to being President. She expressed interest in continuing as Newsletter Editor and mentioned tentative plans to use a printer for future issues.

Nominations - Donna Williams read the report for Leslie Hesdorfer, Chair. Members of the committee were: Jacqueline Cantwell, Peg LaFrance, and Bev Lipton. In January the committee presented the following slate of candidates to the Executive Board: Secretary - Debby Kearney and Lille Koski; Executive Board members-at-large: Prano Amjadi, Susan Van Syckel, Eric Wade and Sue Welsh. After contacting 23 members about running for Vice President / President - Elect, all of whom declined, the committee requested the assistance of the Board who made a special request to Mary Ann Parker to run and she agreed. The committee strongly recommends that committee chairs make an effort to recruit members who have not previously served on committees in order to increase the pool of candidates, and also recommends that a form be developed to solicit biographical information from candidates to ensure consistency of information.

Placement - Donna Purvis reported for Mary Staats, Chair, on the detailed statistics of how many people have used the placement services. Fourteen open positions have also been posted on the NOCALL Listserv and NOCALL web page. Links have been set up to other library organizations, listings in the local papers and a variety of other organizations, which committee member Joan Loftus, dutifully keeps current.

Spring Institute - Carolyn Applegate announced that there were 131 attendees at the Spring Institute with 28 different companies exhibiting in the exhibit space. Certain costs were underwritten by exhibitors and NOCALL is very appreciative of their generous

support. After deducting Institute expenses, the total income generated to date comes to \$5,522.00.

There were no reports from the following committees: AALL Liaison, Archives; Consulting; Internet (Technology); Network Task Force; Public Access, Public Relations; Union List; Youth Opportunity.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Jo announced Nancy Hoebelheinrich the recipient of the AALL Registration award for the 1977 AALL Annual Meeting. Donna Williams thanked Board member Mark Mackler for stepping in as Acting Secretary from December to May while she was out on disability.

9. INDUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS. Jo thanked Past-President Donna Purvis for her hard work and dedication to NOCALL. Jo presented her with a plaque of the NOCALL bridge logo. Jo thanked Secretary Donna Williams, and Executive Board members Mark Mackler and Alice McKenzie for their work and presented them each with a gift. Jo announced and congratulated the new Board members: Linda Weir - President; Mary Ann Parker - Vice-President / President-Elect; Lille Koski - Secretary; Sue Welsh and Eric Wade - Executive Board Members.

Linda Weir thanked Jo on behalf of the entire Board, for doing a great job as President and presented her with an assortment of tea related treasures. Jo invited everyone to the reception after the meeting and thanked Boalt for hosting the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary
May 20, 1997

NOCALL Web Server and Electronic Mailing List

NOCALL has its own web server. In case you haven't had a chance to check it out, its URL is:

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