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A Message from the President

The May 21, 1998 NOCALL Business Meeting marks the end of my term, and Mary Ann Parker will take office as NOCALL President. I want to thank the members of the NOCALL Board: Mary Ann; Jo Caporaso, Past President; Lille Koski, Secretary; Marlowe Griffiths, Treasurer; and, Eric Wade and Sue Welsh, Executive Board Members at Large. I have enjoyed our monthly meetings and the privilege of serving on the board with individuals of such tremendous talent and dedication.

I must remember Brent Bernau, now in southern California and whose term I am actually serving out. Brent's leadership of the very successful 1997 Spring Institute Committee kept NOCALL on course. It was very pleasant to see Brent at this year's NOCALL Institute in Napa. Let's hope for repeat attendance at the Joint SCALL/NOCALL Institute scheduled to be held at Monterey, California in February 1999!



A great many thanks are due to the chairs and members of our eighteen NOCALL standing committees. Their many accomplishments are recorded in the annual committee reports that will be distributed at the May business meeting and reproduced in the next newsletter.

This summer, there are a couple opportunities to become involved in NOCALL activities by assisting members

of the Public Relations Committee, chaired by Donna Purvis. At this writing, Donna has put out a call for volunteers to represent NOCALL on Sunday, June 7, in support of public broadcasting television station KQED's pledge drive. It should be an entertaining and fun day. If you are willing to participate in the pledge drive, please contact Donna. Depending on the number of volunteers, the committee may decide to select a KQED/NOCALL August date in addition to, or, instead of, the June date.

Also, the Public Relations Committee asks for volunteers to staff the NOCALL table in the activities area at the AALL convention in Anaheim this July. NOCALL will have a surprise souvenir for visitors to the NOCALL table. (Hollywood Hint: Cher might like to have one.) If you are attending the convention and can spare an hour or two, please contact committee members Coral Henning or

Leslie Forrester who are scheduling coverage. Lastly, the Public Relations Committee is planning an informal get-together for NOCALL members and friends at the AALL convention. Look for an announcement of the time and place on the NOCALL listserv and in the AALL convention's daily newspaper.



I close with congratulations and welcome to our new

NOCALL officers: Cathy Hardy, Vice-President/President Elect; Nancy Adams, Treasurer; and, Liza Macmorris and Michael Saint-Onge, Executive Board Members at Large. Wishes for a wonderful 1998/99 NOCALL year!

- Linda Weir
NOCALL President



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May/June: May 7, 1999

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From the Editor's Desk

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the 1997-98 NOCALL year. During the past year our primary goal has been to provide NOCALL members with a diverse range of interesting and worthwhile articles. I hope we have succeeded in this mission.

I will be continuing as Editor for 1998-99. Joining me will be Caren Doyle, Jaye Lapachet, Nora Levine, and Mark Mackler, and I am very pleased that I will have the opportunity to continue working with them. I would like to thank all of them as well as every member who contributed articles this past year. Creating a quality newsletter is a collaborative effort which I hope everyone appreciates.

I have several ideas for the upcoming issues, and of course, further suggestions are always welcome. Please call me at (415) 393-2560 or e-mail at jcaporaso@mdbe.com.

Have a great summer!

Jo Caporaso

Editor, NOCALL News

CORRECTION

Page 7, January/February 1998 (Volume 18, No. 3)

In the "Internet Librarian 97" article by Chuck Marcus, Terry Huwe was incorrectly named as "Tim Huwe". Terry presented a talk at Internet Librarian titled "Creating Digital Collections: Berkeley's Case Study". Terry was a last minute stand-in for Kirk V. Hastings, who was unable to attend, so any credit for a job well done should also include Kirk! Terry Huwe was formerly a private law librarian in San Francisco before joining the Institute of Industrial Relations Library in 1989.

Musings from Mark



Mark Mackler, Sonnenschein, Nath, & Rosenthal

LAUGH OF THE WEEK...“Our answer is clear. The Justice Department and the FTC want to make sure that America’s consumers get the benefits of competition: lower prices, better services, and increased innovation. We seek to determine whether a merger will lead to increased prices for consumers or substantially reduce consumer choice. If it will, we look further to see whether there are special mitigating circumstances—such as whether the merging firms will have lower costs—that will translate into consumer benefits...Each and every time, we apply the same test: Would consumers be hurt by the merger? By preceding this way, we ensure that our economy remains competitive and that consumers get the benefits.” A joint letter to “Business Week” from Robert Pitofsky of the FTC and Joel Klein of DOJ. (In the words of Nelson Muntz of “The Simpsons”: Haw-Haw!)

JUST WONDERIN’:

- Have you heard of the securities term “Feline Pride”?
- Wouldn’t it be a good idea to include optional home addresses and phone numbers and birthdays in the NOCALL Directory?
- Did you take the time to thank the folks who were responsible for the Spring workshop in Napa?
- Will AALL and SLA ever become one organization?

“60 MINUTES”: HIGHS AND LOWS: On April 5, 60 Minutes did a real puff piece on Mayor Brown. Steve Kroft even wound up buying lunch for the Mayor. However, on April 15, 60 Minutes redeemed itself with a piece called “Data Smog,” which discussed information overload: Too much information coming at us too quickly, with no opportunity to evaluate that which has value from that which does not. Morley Safer interviewed an information junkie who literally walked around with one eye on a mini-screen strapped around his head! At one point, Safer asked the info junkie to use his portable walk-around computer gear to provide information about Mickey Mantle’s batting history. The geek had only one question: How do you spell “Mantle”? Sigh...



FOR MORE ON INFO TECHNOLOGY OVERLOAD...Read the March issue of Law Practice Management. “Our clients now expect and demand instantaneous responses to highly complex questions and problems...The amazing technological changes that have made us more efficient lawyers

have not given us more time to reflect on our clients’ problems or more leisure to enjoy our lives...Our efficiency has improved, but lawyering and judging have not.”

FEWER CALIFORNIA LAWYERS?...According to the March California Lawyer, the number of applicants seeking admission to ABA-accredited law schools has shrunk from a peak of 99,300 during the 1990-1991 school year to an estimated 66,600 in 1996-1997. Many law school officials predict the size of the admission pool will decrease even further in the coming year. Some of California’s law schools have been hit particularly hard. Possible reasons? A better job market for college grads, mounting undergraduate debts, uncertainty about the legal market, cynicism about the legal profession, demographics, repeal of affirmative action, earthquakes.



SPIRIT MAGAZINE...is the in-flight publication of Southwest Airlines. The March issue featured Lexis-Nexis’ own Loyd Auerbach in an article entitled “Ghost Chaser.” Intrepid Loyd attempts to chase down a ghost in the Moss Beach Distillery!

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE...I recently picked up a copy of the Daily Californian over at UC Berkeley. I was appalled by the front-page photo of a group of animal-rights activists. One demonstrator carried a sign which said: “In Their Behavior Towards Animals, Humans Are Nazis.” Whoa! It seems to me that whether or not we agree with the animal-rights movement, such language is totally inappropriate. It’s also a reminder to me to be more temperate when I speak about others.

SPEAKING ABOUT UCB...Berkleyan, the newspaper for the faculty and staff at UCB, recently ran an article entitled The Librarian is Always In at Industrial Relations. The American Library Association’s prestigious John Sessions Memorial Award is given yearly to a library for outstanding service to the labor community. And, this year the Award went to Berkeley’s Institute of Industrial Relations Library. My friends Terry Huwe and Janice Kimball, both of whom were active in the SF law library scene, are doing a wonderful job over there, and the Award is a great way to recognize this achievement. As a former union member, I want to congratulate you!

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LIZA MACMORRIS and MICHAEL SAINT-ONGE

CAREER FAIR

The San Jose School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) Alumni Organization held a "Career Fair" on April 8, 1998. NOCALL Academic Relations Committee members Sarah Montes (Sixty South Market Street Library and Hoge Fenton), Cynthia Papermaster (Gibson Dunn & Crutcher), and Diane Rodriguez (SF County Law Library), and NOCALL President Linda Weir, sat on the panel of librarians, each of whom presented information about careers in various types of libraries. In addition to academic, private and government law librarians, there were public librarians, children's

librarians, a medical librarian, a "personal librarian" (he works for William Hewlett) and AIM representatives, who talked about resumes and non-traditional types of library work.



Sarah is currently a student in the SLIS program, and she and Diane (an alumnus of SLIS) are putting together a list of recommended SLIS courses for students who wish to prepare for careers in law librarianship. During the reception afterwards, the NOCALL contingent chatted with students and faculty about careers, NOCALL, and the SLIS program.

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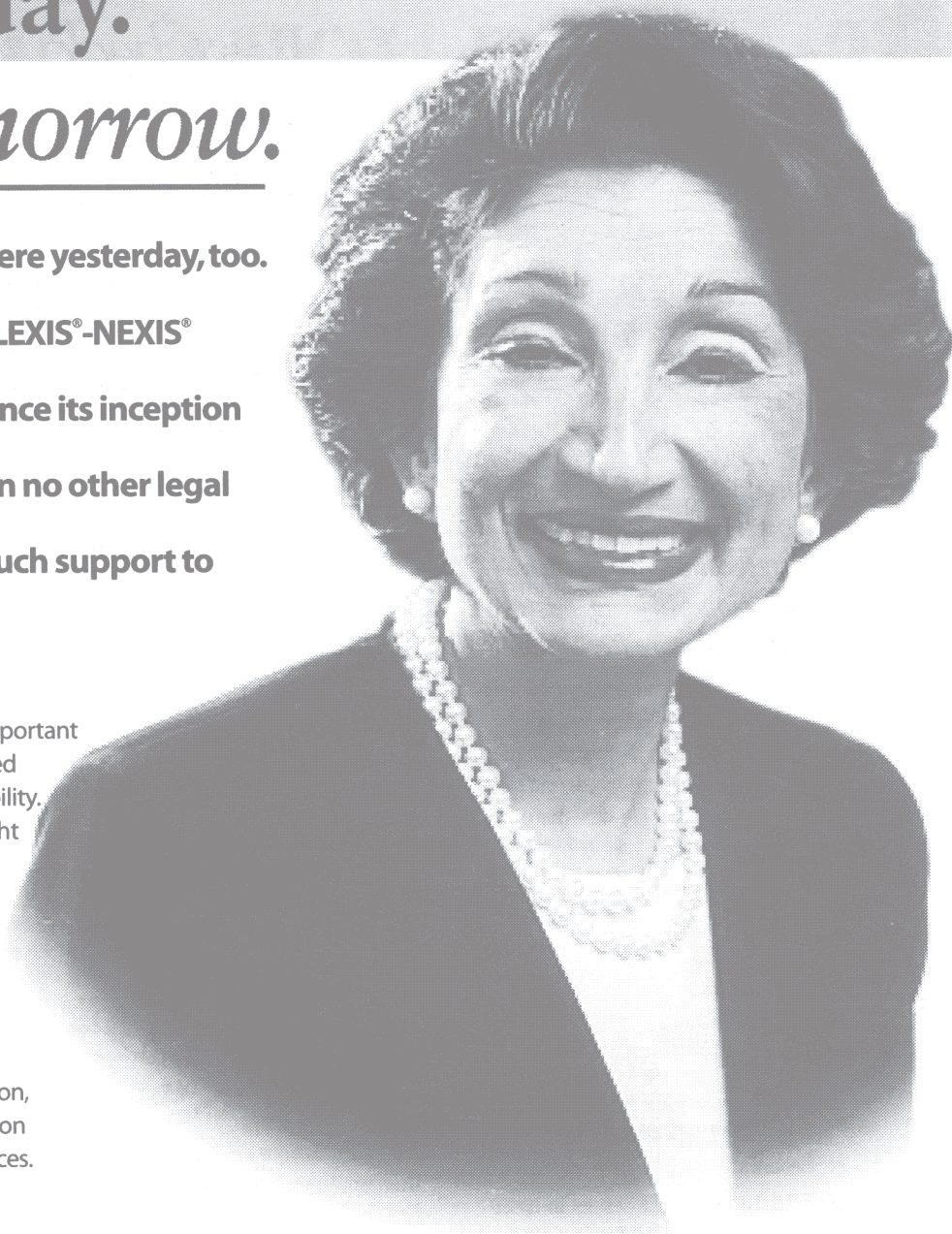
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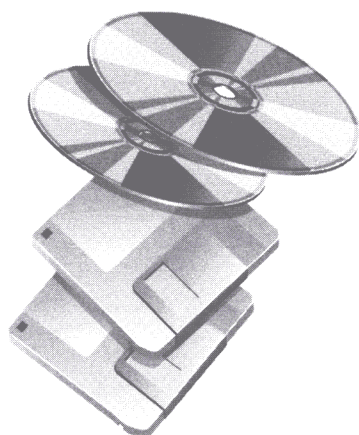
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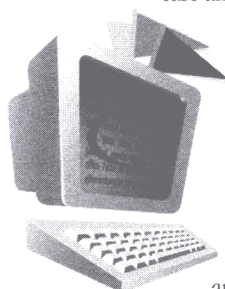


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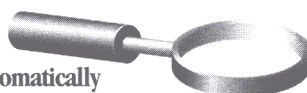
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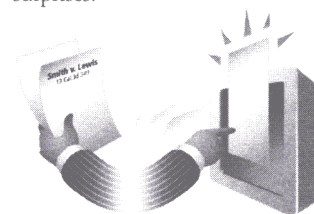
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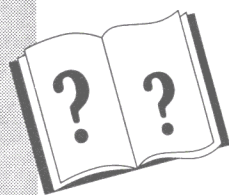
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Jon Krakauer's INTO THIN AIR, a first hand, gripping account of the May 1996 tragedy on Mt. Everest. Just released in paperback.

Kate Alderman, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe

Among other books I have just finished reading John Grisham's STREET LAWYER about a high powered fast track attorney in a DC law firm who becomes a public interest lawyer. This not so insignificant career change was triggered by a traumatic event at his firm.

I have also just finished Robert Parker's most recent Spenser novel SMALL VICES. Spenser is called in to investigate whether a convicted felon was framed and wrongly convicted. As usual Spenser is not deterred in his search for the truth.

Mary Hood, Heafey Law Library

I just finished reading a book called AT HOME IN MITFORD by Jan Karon, which is a delightful look at a small town. It is very positive and enjoyable to read. The characters are well developed and seem real, the things they face are not contrived. I enjoyed it very much and am looking forward to reading the second book in the series.

Jaye Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo

I just finished ANGELA'S ASHES by Frank McCourt. It is his autobiography, which covers his birth to age 17. The author states, "Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood. Worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." It was a story of such despair and sadness. And yet, he finds good in many of the situations he faces and the people he meets. He has brothers who love him and whom he loves. It really makes you count your blessings. I am told he is writing a follow-up. I look forward to reading every word.

Sharon M. McNally, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro

I recently finished reading the paperback edition of MONEY AND THE MEANING OF LIFE by Jacob Needleman. Needleman is a philosophy professor at SF State, who has dabbled in a number of other fields, including economics and spirituality.

I was at first put off by the flighty tone of the book, but after toughing out the first 50 pages or so, I became as hooked, as might one of his students, watching a brilliant thinker arrive at the most startling insights before my very eyes.

The book explores the underpinnings of our attitudes toward money, which we often don't notice seep into every aspect of our lives. I was looking for answers, and I found them—"render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." MONEY is a reality that we must deal with, unfortunately. But given that the author has allowed himself, and us, to examine the subject as if we were looking at a multi-faceted stone through a jeweler's glass, I came



? away from reading the book with a profound sense that the things in life that really matter can still be cultivated and attained.

? Debi Mazor, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

? I am currently reading GREAT EXPECTATIONS by Charles Dickens. As an English major in college, I learned to love the classics, but did not have time to read them all. So now, I read some "popular fiction" and try and throw in a few classics or works of literature in between, just so I don't lose that interest. I have found that "popular fiction" is easier to read because it moves fast and does not require much reflection, but true literature can really teach you something, not only about life, but history as well.



? Sometimes the books start out a little slow, but then that is how a character is really built so that you seem to really know them. When I first started reading WUTHERING HEIGHTS I was not too impressed, but by the time I finished it, I was in love with the book.

? GREAT EXPECTATIONS has started slow, but now it is picking up and is about the life of a young man. The story is told from his point of view and takes us through his experiences and thoughts and feelings. I wanted to read this since the movie is now out, and I like to compare the movies to the actual book.

? Kerry Prindiville, Fresno County Law Library

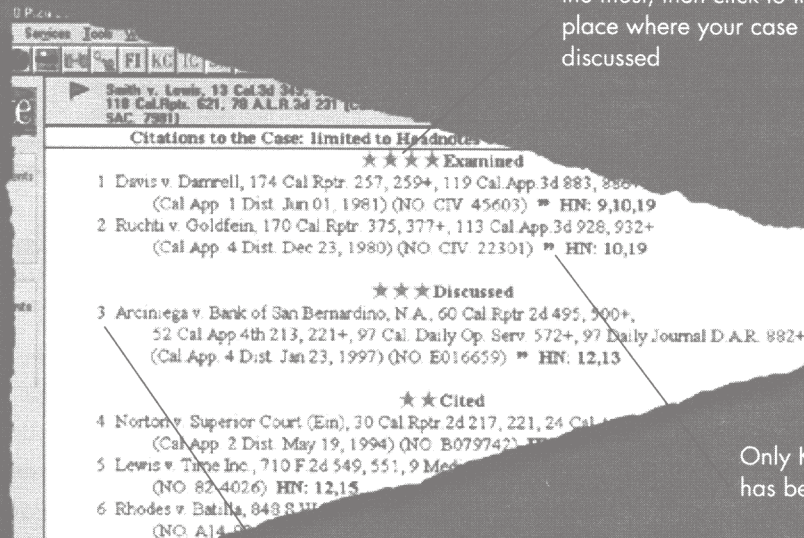
? I'm very interested in Canada and particularly Vancouver Island. I just finished perusing a magnificent collection of Northwest Coast dance and ceremonial masks by First Nations artists in a book called SPIRIT FACES, by Gary Wyatt. The color is outstanding and the masks are breathtakingly beautiful and powerful. My favorites are the transformational masks, which are used to display the transition from one form to another, such as Wolf to Human. I love the designs and mythology associated with these masks.

? I'm also reading THOSE LAKE PEOPLE, by Lynne Bowen. This is an account of the people who settled this beautiful lake, Cowichan Lake, in the lower half of Vancouver Island. Bowen draws on letters, memoirs and interviews to convey her tale. I feel a particular affinity for this area; this is a great way for me to stay connected to the beautiful country there. I also try to photograph First Nations art whenever possible. If you have any interest in this area of Canada, you'll enjoy these books.

? Estalee A. Weill, Weill Library Services

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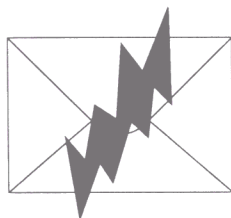
Impressions of the 1998 NOCALL Spring Institute

— Andrew Gurthet, *Stanford University Law Library*, and Carolyn Applegate, *Folger & Levin* —

As a relative newcomer to the reference desk, I have discovered the “frightening aspect” behind questions on such topics as securities, business and, especially, California legislative history. Questions on these hefty topics have chilled my blood on more than one occasion. As an aside, I have worked as a reference and interlibrary loan assistant at Stanford University Law Library for only about a year, and I am currently attending San Jose State University for a Masters of Library and Information Science. I, therefore, attended the NOCALL Institute in Napa on March 7, 1998 in the hopes of learning more on these subjects. In this regard, the Institute did not disappoint.

My primary focus in attending was to learn more regarding the Stanford University Law Library’s Securities Class Action Clearinghouse, as presented by

Professor Joe Grundfest and fellow law librarians, Paul Lomio, Erika Wayne and Rill Reynolds.



Though I am surrounded by this project almost every-day at work, I know relatively little about it. I found most beneficial the fact that this web project attempts to encompass “the complete universe of securities class actions,” according to Grundfest, offering in full text format complaints, final court decisions and every major pleading in between.

Mary Ryan’s presentation on business sources was also of extreme value for someone relatively new to the profession. She attempted to highlight major sources, both electronic and paper-based, for finding business information, such as

Computer Select (CD-ROM) for verification of business names. As an aside, her humor made this presentation all the more enjoyable. We all must agree on one level or another that the day to day goal is often nothing more than to clear the line of people behind your desk!

The third presenter, Joe Mangum, ambitiously attempted an overview of the history of securities regulations, from the Securities Act of 1933 to total EDGAR implementation in 1996. Though the topic could not be effectively covered in the short time allotted, the presentation was still very insightful. Admittedly, securities was one of those topics that I often skipped out of during law school, so I found this overview to be extremely helpful. However, it could have been more effective had it preceded the presentation regarding the Securities Class Action Clearinghouse web project. In that way, it would have provided a general framework for the other presentation.

Finally, Carolina Rose’s presentation regarding California legislative and regulatory intent confirmed that there is just simply no easy way to research this topic. However, in trying to make sense “out of it all”, I found her handouts to be most useful. In her two handouts, she clearly laid out practical sources of legislative and regulatory information.

As a whole, I enjoyed the Institute very much and walked away feeling better informed on these subjects. Of course, a visit to a winery helped the newly acquired information sink into it’s proper place! No visit to Napa would be complete without it.

— Andrew Gurthet

I was very appreciative to receive a grant to attend the 1998 NOCALL Spring Institute in Napa on March 7, 1998. This year’s program was practical and provided information that I will use in my day-to-day work.

Each presentation reinforced things I knew, as well as introduced me to things I did not know. The presentation on The Securities Class Action Clearinghouse web site introduced me to a site I had heard of, but never utilized. I’ve added it to my bookmarks, and will consult it first for pleadings from federal and state securities fraud cases. Mary Ryan provided an excellent overview of business information resources. I especially appreciated her tips on Dialog database searching, as well as her discussion of how to use certain web sites for researching individual companies.

The afternoon presentations were equally informative. Joe Magnum’s discussion was especially useful for those of us who must do SEC research/document retrieval. Everything he touched on was useful: his succinct review of filing requirements under the major securities acts, his in-depth analysis of the different types of registration statements, his description of the other types of SEC filings.

Last but not least, Carolina Rose’s discussion of California legislative and regulatory history sources was particularly helpful to me since I have long considered this to be a “gap area” in my knowledge. Thanks to her handouts, I now have a much better understanding of where and how to look for such information.

— Carolyn Applegate



RETHINKING



REFERENCE AND RESEARCH

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ONLINE USERS GROUP (SCOUG)
SPRING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1998

— Linda Spath, Lillick & Charles LLP —

Remember Emerac, the “electronic brain” Spencer Tracy installs to help the librarians in the movie “Desk Set”? Well, as you may have noticed, “Emerac” is back in many information technology guises and over 16 speakers at SCOUG’s Spring Workshop presented a fast-paced and thought-provoking view of the many changes “Emerac” has brought to library research and reference services. Here are some highlights. Watch for more detailed coverage in upcoming issues of *Searcher* and *Reference and User Services Quarterly*.

Chris Ferguson and John Supra explained how the integration of the IT Department and the Library at USC has taken the best of both cultures (focus on technology and focus on service) to provide even better and expanded service to library users. Look at the processes now available because of the technology; don’t apply technology to bad processes. See Ferguson, Chris D., “The Shape of Services to Come: Values-Based Reference Service for the Largely Digital Library” 58 (#3) *College and Research Libraries* 252 (May 1, 1997).

Bob Kent, from Lucent Technologies, sees librarians as navigators who also provide permanence and coherence of information. Bob discussed using automatic routing and Internet call centers in the reference process.

Joseph Janes, founder and director of the Internet Public Library, described IPL reference service. The Internet Public Library, funded by the School of Information at the University of Michigan, is a library so real to users that some try to renew their library books at the IPL website. Join the reference staff or just check out the ready reference links at www.ipl.org. You get a T-shirt after answering 20 reference questions.

Dwight Foster, from Net Perceptions (the company that made the “recommendation engine” used by Amazon.com and others) talked about applying this technology to library catalogs and to reference services in general. Humm...If you liked the Uniform Commercial Code Series, then you should check out Uniform Commercial Code Transaction Guide: Analysis and Forms. See: www.netperceptions.com.

UC/Irvine medical students now have access to an Interactive Reference Service that uses desktop video conferencing over the net to connect with users in real time. Susan Lessick described this innovative experiment in offering reference service to a remote site.

Frank Hersh, of the San Diego County Public Law Library (the country’s only county law library with “public” in its

name), gave an overview of services offered at the SDPLL and gave us the only interactive form of the day (interactive because we had to fold it).

Jerry Campbell, Chief Information Officer at USC, warned us that accountants, not librarians, may soon be certifying web sites.

Mary-Ellen Mort, developer of the award-winning Jobsmart site, presented the results of a Creativity Survey of workshop participants. See: <http://jobsmart.org/scoug> for text of presentation (posted through June 1998).

Barbara Quint, the witty and insightful Editor of *Searcher*, moderated a panel featuring the day's speakers to wrap up the day. Sound bites from Barbara:

- repetition - both inside and outside the library - is our enemy
- the librarian is the omnipedia and must make the web work well for the user
- draft a mission plan for 24-hour service
- project a "fun" attitude so that people will be glad to see us come and sorry to see us go.



Comments from the panel:

- speech recognition will make computers as universal as the telephone
- (in answer to a question) no, we are not thinking about 2010
- don't forget to measure profit derived from reference when you are measuring the cost of reference
- start valuing creativity
- think of the library in terms of service, not space
- librarians "giveaway mission" makes us easy to forget
- librarians are able to give good service because they are non-threatening and are able to get the questions out of the library users.

My favorite quote from the workshop: "Human beings always go faster than technology because people have always been hypertext: fully linked, netted, downloaded, parallel processed, and interfaced" [Source: *Hacking the Future*, by Arthur and Marilouise Kroker; quoted by Jim Rettig, who writes the Rettig on Reference column for www.gale.com, in his presentation. "The Omnipedia"]

NOCALL LISTSERV SURVEY

— Marie Blosh, Hayward Public Library —

The NOCALL ListServ is a great way to communicate with other members, as well as keep current with the organization's announcements and events. But many NOCALL members are not on the ListServ. The Technology Committee wants to find out why, and what we can do to help members join. If you are not on the ListServ, please take a moment to fill out this survey. If you are on the ListServ, feel free to send in any comments. Thank You!

I AM NOT ON THE NOCALL LISTSERV BECAUSE (check as many as apply):

- ☐ I didn't know there was a ListServ.
- ☐ I don't have an e-mail account.
- ☐ I have been unable to subscribe.
- ☐ I'm not interested, because
- ☐ Other reasons:

I WOULD LIKE A TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO HELP ME JOIN THE LISTSERV.

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835 "C" Street
Hayward, CA 94541

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size ad

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PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

— Jaye Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo —

Here is another installment of my "best picks" for professional reading. Since I have a strong interest in technology, most of my choices are weighted in that area.

If you have "best picks" of your own, please send them to me and I will include them in the next list. You must include a description of why the article is your "best pick."

So did you find a few minutes per day to delve into some of the excellent articles that are being produced? For 20 minutes a day, three times a week, these are a portion of the articles that I read, and the ones that I thought were the most useful.

"The Changing Career Scene for Librarians," Information Outlook, v.2, n.3, March 1998., pg. 14.

These types of articles are difficult to adjust to fit your own situation, but the more info the better, I suppose. The best part of this article is the bibliography.

"Creating a Bibliographic Database for a Widely Distributed Collection," Information Outlook, v.2, n.1, January 1998., pg. 27.

Many of you hate cataloging, and many of you are not asked to retrieve National Parks information very often. Despite these two strikes against it, this article is an interesting look at creating a real life bibliographic database. Everything does not go smoothly, the database does not adhere to every cataloging rule, but it works for its application and it is an example of how cataloging can work for users and librarians, while taking into account the needs of the primary clientele.

"IRC Notes," Information Outlook, v.2, n.1, January 1998., pg. 42.

Valuable information about the services that SLA's Information Resource Center provides. I was especially pleased to see the Electronic Information Packets.

These can help many of us get a quick jump start on Library projects that management has asked us to delve into. They are on the web, too, which makes access quick. Check out <http://www.sla.org/membership/irc/eip.html>.

"Public Relations Outlook," Information Outlook, v.2, n.2, February 1998., pg. 9.

Fun facts about librarians in the movies. The article cites website resources. This is one of those articles to save for National Library Week plans, trivia quizzes, etc.

"The Push is On : What Push Technology Means to Special Librarians," Information Outlook, v.2, n.1, January 1998., pg. 21.



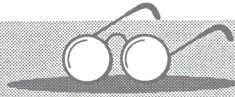
This is an excellent introductory article to Push Technology and some of the possible ways it can be used in your library. This article, and a push from our Firm Tech Committee, really made me think about ways in which Push Technology can replace some of the searches I do regularly on online services.

"Research Briefs," Information Outlook, v.2, n.2, February 1998., pg. 43.

A view of the changes in our profession that is very positive. The article gives new ways of thinking about our profession that only requires a shift in terminology.

"CD-ROM applications in the Library," PLL Perspectives, v.9, n.1 (Fall 1997), p. 5

An overview of considering and acquiring CD-ROM applications. Includes tips on training, though some are not realistic, at least in my firm, and a list of sources. The best part of this article is the CD-ROM Maintenance section, which talks about what needs to be done to the disks once you have the subscription.



This list enables librarians to extrapolate costs for their own firm.

"All the news that's fit to print out," Password, v.18, n.1, (January 1998), pg. 6-8.

This article is mostly comprised of a chart describing the newspapers carried on the Westlaw service as compared to Lexis, DIALOG on Westlaw and Dow Jones Interactive. I guess you learn something new everyday, because I was unaware that the Wall Street Journal was on Westlaw in full text. I am pretty impressed with the list of newspapers available. The only drawback of this article is that they do not give the specific years of coverage on Westlaw. The entry for all publications either says "deeper coverage" or "exclusive full text" or "only source of abstracts." I know this publication is a marketing vehicle and they want to make their service look better, but I hope they turn this article into a brochure supplement to their directory with the dates.

"Having your case and reading it too," Password, v.18, n.1, (January 1998), pg. 4.

Discussion of the differences between the Cal Reporter database and the Official Reporter (new) database on Westlaw. Points out the finer points of searching the new official reporter database and the variations in printing.

"The best managers share certain virtues," SF Chronicle, Sunday March 1, 1998.

This is an excellent article for thinking about what you do as a manager and improving your skills — or at least thinking about what you do as a manager. The suggestions in this article are based on a survey that was done. The good thing about this article is that the suggestions are not monumental that need the "full support of upper management"; they are things that you can, mostly, do with no money, little time and few procedural changes. Check <http://www.sfgate.com> for the article, if you missed it.

"Web sites that help you do intelligence the intelligent way," Wall Street Journal, March 31, 1998, pg. B1.

Tips on new ways to find information about a company. Includes some interesting web sites.

Library Journal, **"Best Reference Books,"** April 1997

I found this issue very interesting. The titles are organized by publisher and has sections for online/CD-ROM publications. The list is not specifically law related, as many of you know, but some of the titles could be used in a law library and the fiction is always interesting to review, of course. Some titles that I thought were interesting are:

The Almanac of the Unelected Staff of the US Congress, 1997. Apr. 1997. 900p. 10th ed. ISBN 1-886222-07-x

Encyclopedia of Constitutional Amendments, Proposed Amendments and Amending Issues, 1789-1995, Aug. 1996, 420 p. ISBN 0-87436-783-2, \$75

Everyday Business Etiquette, 1996, 224p. ISBN 0-8120-9517-0. pap. \$12.95

New Members of Congress Almanac, 105th US congress. Dec. 1996. 125p. 3d ed. ISBN 1-88622-03-7, \$39.95

The issue also included an interesting article about emerging trends in the database and electronic publishing industry.

Since I am not set up to fill requests for these articles, please use interlibrary loan or a document retrieval service.

Happy reading.



Business Law in the 90's: Who Owns Whom Now?

The 26th Annual SCALL Institute

— Mary Ann Parker, *California Department of Water Resources* —

As Vice President/President-Elect of NOCALL I attended the SCALL Spring Institute in Palm Springs over the weekend of February 27-28. The weather was a balmy and dry mid 70's, a welcome change from rainy Sacramento.

Ken Svengalis, Rhode Island State Law Librarian and author of *Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual*, gave an overview of mergers and acquisitions in the legal publishing industry. As we know, he has followed the trends in legal publishing closely since he began the "write to order" practice of managing his Matthew Bender loose-leaf services.



Here is Ken's "Top 10 List of Predictions about the Legal Publishing Industry" (no apologies to David Letterman).

1. Matthew Bender, which is on the sales block, will be acquired by Reed/Elsevier.
2. Industry growth is in online services for small firms and sole practitioners. LOIS and Versuslaw are increasing the pressure on LEXIS and WESTLAW to lower costs.
3. The cost of print publications relative to online and CD-ROM will go up. e.g. the cost of the National Reporter System increased by 17% in 2 years.
4. Increasing popularity of the trinity search engine software for CD-ROM. It's a combination of Premise and Folio.
5. Conversely, CD-ROM should last only about another 2-4 years. The likely successor is subscription use of the Internet.
6. Increasing use of universal citation as people cite to online publications rather than print.
7. Increasing offering of slice products by the major publishers.
8. More secondary material on CD or on the Internet via subscription.
9. West will lose the star page copyright lawsuit in light of Feist.
10. Niche publishers like Nolo Press, will still be around, not merged with or acquired by the mega legal publishers.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held Friday, January 30, 1998

The meeting was held on the tenth floor of the Marine's Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Weir, Mary Ann Parker, Lille Koski, Marlowe Griffiths, Jo Caporaso, Eric Wade, Sue Welsh, Shirley David and Judy Meadows. Linda called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the 1/06/98 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected.

2. **WELCOME.** Linda welcomed Judy Meadows and Shirley David to our meeting and thanked them for attending.

3. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Treasurer's Report - According to Marlowe, our year-to-date figure is \$35,723.44. NOCALL is doing well. Our significant income producer (the Spring Institute) is coming up. The investment opportunity of a certificate of deposit was discussed. Marlowe recommended that we put \$5,000 into a C.D. earning 5.07% interest. Resolution 98-1 allocating the \$5,000 amount for the C.D. was passed by the Board.

Ballot - Lille will set plans for mailing out the Election of Officers ballots. They should go out by March 3. The Executive Board will count the ballots in March and notify the candidates by April 1.



President's Report - Linda mentioned that the mid-year committee reports have been submitted in writing and will be passed out at the Business Meeting today. This is the first year that the committee chairs will not be coming up to the podium to deliver their reports. The reports will also be printed in the NOCALL

NEWS. Marie Blosh, Technology Committee chair, is coordinating the NOCALL registration for the "Computers in Libraries '98" - the 13th annual conference sponsored by Information Today and the Special Libraries Association to be held March 1-5 in Arlington, VA. NOCALL members receive a discount and NOCALL will receive a fee.

Judy Meadows (AALL President) Visit - Linda and Judy discussed Judy's Bay Area visit. Cynthia Papermaster, Academic Relations chair, was very helpful in planning and coordinating a reception at the UC Berkeley School of Information Management Systems (SIMS) featuring Judy as the guest

speaker. Judy Meadows complimented our chapter on its work with the local library schools.

4. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Institute - (Mary Ann) Mary Ann passed around the program flyer and went over the program. Mary Ann will send out confirming letters to the speakers next week. The flyer is going out today or tomorrow. UC Davis is paying for the printing. Judy Janes will print as many copies as the number of mailing labels received plus fifty extra. UC Davis has also set up a web site for online registration and information. It is linked to the NOCALL web page. Matthew Bender will sponsor the closing reception. Marlowe should receive a check from them. Lexis/Nexis will sponsor the lunch and West Group is sponsoring the continental breakfast. Coral and Mary Ann have agreed to waive Lexis' exhibitor's fee and allow the Lexis rep to make a brief announcement at lunch. Coral has been in touch with Becky Fillinger of West Group and Jenny Kanji of Lexis.

Education - Jenny Kanji - (Mary Ann) Jenny Kanji is planning a brown bag meeting on February 4. It will be a SLA videotape presentation, "Getting Out of the Box: the Knowledge Management Opportunity" to be held from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the Bank of America. She has received requests for this program to be repeated in the South Bay and in the East Bay. She is willing to do it anywhere as long as she has a host. She is looking for volunteers. The only equipment needed is a VCR and a monitor.

Public Access - Coral Henning - (Mary Ann) On January 23, Coral made a presentation to Mountain-Valley Library System about legal sources on the Internet at the Sacramento Heald's College with the assistance of Ruth Nunez-Shaldach, Wayne Owens and Peter Egler from the Sacramento County Law Library. The program consisted of back to back ninety minute presentations about law sources and health sources (done by medical librarians) on the NET. NOCALL will receive an honorarium from MVLS for Coral's work. (Coral believes it is \$200, but is not sure.)



EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Newsletter - Jo Caporaso - Jo reports that the January/February issue is on her desk and will go to the printer next week. Jo is looking for articles for the next issue now.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer - (Marlowe) The Directory should be out in February. Marlowe volunteered to assist Yvonne next year. Mentoring for new members was discussed.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Linda Weir - Suzanne Pierce Dyer (Government Relations

Chair) has been very active with her letter-writing campaign.

Linda Weir - The next Board meeting will be held at Hastings (Traynor Room) on March 3, 1998.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Linda adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary
February 12, 1998

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 3, 1998

The meeting was held in the Traynor Room at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Weir, Mary Ann Parker, Lille Koski, Marlowe Griffiths, Jo Caporaso, Eric Wade, and Sue Welsh. Linda called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the 1/30/98 Executive Board meeting were approved as read.

2. OLD BUSINESS.

"Age of Technology" - NOCALL will not be showing the program "The Age of Technology: Your Guide to Change Management", cosponsored by AALL and West Group on Thursday, April 16, 1998. Jenny Kanji reports that we don't have the correct equipment to receive the program.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

Treasurer's Report - According to Marlowe, the Treasury has \$34,322.08 as of March 2, 1998. Marlowe needs to collect signatures of a few NOCALL officers to open the Certificate of Deposit. Marlowe requested that the checks Mary Ann has already received from the Institute registrations be sent on to her. The treasurer settled a bill with the newsletter publisher. The cost of refreshments at monthly brown bag meetings was discussed.



Ballot - Lille mailed out the NOCALL Election of Officers ballot to 329 members of NOCALL on Tuesday, February 24. The returned ballots will be counted on Tuesday, March 24 at Derby, Cook.

President's Report - 1.) California Millennium Conference of California Libraries sponsored by the California Library Association. Linda passed out information about a committee meeting for the conference on February 20. Should NOCALL become a sponsor? It would be a good way to keep NOCALL informed of the issues covered. Linda recommended we join at the \$50 level. Sue Welsh, as Networking liaison, will investigate the matter further. 2.) Judy Meadows Visit - Linda received a thank you note from Judy 3. San Francisco Daily Journal - The third Thursday of every month the Daily Journal publishes a NOCALL article. The February article by Mary Ann Parker was on the NOCALL Institute. The March article will be written by Lauri Flynn on the services of the Consulting Committee. 4. AALL Nominations Committee - Linda received a request from the 1998 AALL Nominations Committee for potential candidates to fill the slate for the 1999 elections. Gail Warren, AALL Nominations Committee Chair, asked that NOCALL submit any lists or suggestions to her by March 13, 1998.

Membership/Recruitment - Linda - Linda passed around a listserv discussion of recruitment ideas to Council Chapter Presidents. Linda will forward these ideas to the Membership Committee.



4. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Institute - (Mary Ann) As of February 20, 1998, Mary Ann had fifty-six registrants and twenty exhibitors. Coral Henning has coordinated four additional temporary electrical hookups and phone lines at the hotel. Evy Posamentier will coordinate copying and distribution of the Institute handouts. Coral, Mary Ann and Evy will be available to staff the registration desk first thing in the morning. Judy Janes and Marilyn Josi coordinated the meal selections. Mary Ann has arranged a projector, screen and overhead projector for the speaker table and two microphones (one for the podium and one for the table). The name tags will have colored dots signifying lunch meal selection. The four sponsors for the meal events are: West-breakfast; Lexis/Nexis-lunch; SCS-afternoon break; Matthew Bender-the reception. West will make a brief presentation at the end of the Stanford group's talk and Lexis will make an announcement before lunch. The two NOCALL Grant recipients, Andrew Gurthet and Carolyn Applegate will be acknowledged at the Institute.

Education - Jenny Kanji - (Linda) Geographic representation on the Education Committee was discussed. This might make it easier to present brown bag programs in other areas (North Bay, South Bay, East Bay).

Consulting - Lauri Flynn - (Lille) Lauri had a consulting request from a small SF law firm. Jaye Lapachet and Lille Koski visited the firm on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and are now writing up a recommendation for them. Janice Kelly, Bev Lipton and Nancy Green are updating the list of library services and consultants. The NOCALL column in the March issue of the Daily Journal will contain an article on the Consulting Committee. The last time such an article appeared was five years ago. Lauri is hoping the Committee won't be bombarded with too many requests!

Newsletter - Jo Caporaso - Jo has contacted more vendors to place ads in the next issue of the NOCALL NEWS. The January/February issue should be in the mail now.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer - (Marlowe and Linda) The Directory should be in the mail today, 3/3/98. Membership of a new library employee was discussed. An individual's membership goes with him/her and a new librarian needs to apply for membership in his/her name.

Public Relations - Donna Purvis - (Sue) The San Francisco Bar Association sponsored a "Bridging the Gap" meeting on Feb. 21 and Donna had 100 brochures reproduced and sent,

along with some sample NOCALL Web page printouts to show them how great the site is! The Bar Association will be having another meeting in July or August, at which time Donna hopes a NOCALL member can speak. The committee was to meet on Monday to finalize ideas on the new NOCALL brochure. They hope to have a design ready to submit to the Board by the end of March. Donna is willing to attend a Board meeting to answer questions if necessary. NOCALL is thinking of answering phones for pledge breaks at KQED. Donna has received several positive responses. The likely dates are in June or August and probably on a weekend. Donna would like to have some kind of NOCALL shirts printed, and will submit a proposal later. She has also submitted a report to AALL Spectrum for the next issue.



Union List - Pati Traktman - (Lille) Pati has been in contact with GRC and they are working on formatting options for the Union List. Marie Schneider is converting the old data to ACCESS software. Soon the committee will be able to start running

reports and editing the back section of the Union List (local codes, foreign codes, states codes, etc.) Some libraries have received packets from GRC and have concerns about having their holdings on MELVYL. They are worried about the public trying to access their libraries. Pati pointed out that the holdings have been on CULP and available in libraries but we haven't seen much public interest in our libraries. BIG NEWS - the Union List should be ready in June.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Marlowe Griffiths - Marlowe has been asked by West/Glasser Legal Works to attend a dinner meeting. They are looking for more librarian speakers and have asked for suggestions from the NOCALL Board. The following suggestions were proposed: 1.) Contact the NOCALL Board and other leaders in library organizations for recommendations each year. 2.) Look at SLA/AALL/ Internet Librarian speakers.

Linda Weir - Linda passed out a memo from Judy Janes updating the progress of the CCR contract by OAL. Because West now owns the current CCR publishing contract, OAL is discussing the database ownership rights of OAL with West Group.

Linda has received a memo from Maggie Kearney of AALL with the forms for requesting space in the 1998 AALL Annual Meeting Activities Area & AALL Store. The completed forms need to be returned by April 15, 1998.



EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Cynthia Papermaster, Academic Relations Chair, will be attending the San Jose State Job Fair on April 8, 1998 along with two other law librarians.

The next Board meeting will be held at Hastings (Traynor Room) on April 7, 1998 at noon.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary
March 17, 1998

Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting held Tuesday, April 7, 1998

The meeting was held in the Alumni Reception Center at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

Present were: Linda Weir, Mary Ann Parker, Lille Koski, Marlowe Griffiths, Jo Caporaso, Eric Wade, and Sue Welsh.

Linda called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the March 3, 1998 Executive Board meeting were approved as read.

2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

Professional Achievement Award - Linda and the rest of the Board discussed the formation of a committee to present an annual chapter professional achievement award. Linda mentioned the S.F. Bay Region Chapter of the Special Libraries Association award and passed out a copy of their nomination form. The SLA award committee is chaired by the past-president of the organization and the award is given to members who "year after year, give their talent, time and energy to the Chapter". The Board passed Resolution 98-2 to create an annual NOCALL Professional Achievement Award and have decided that the NOCALL Past-President will serve as Chairperson of the Awards Committee. It was unanimously decided to present our first award to Joan Loftus for her wonderful work with the creation and maintenance of the NOCALL web page. The award will be presented to Joan at the May Business Meeting at Santa Clara University.

3. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Treasurer's Report - Marlowe passed out the April 7, 1998 Treasurer's Report. Our treasury has a balance of \$33,044.24. As soon as Marlowe gets Linda's signature on some paperwork, Marlowe will open the Certificate of Deposit that was discussed at earlier meetings.

President's Report - 1) June Board Meeting Date Change - The June "Turn Over" Meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 1998 at noon in Room 505 at Hastings. 2) May Business Meeting will be held Thursday, May 21, 1998 at

Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University. Blanche Woolls, Director of the San Jose State Library School, will speak. Committee Chairs will submit reports in writing (by May 10, 1998) to Linda Weir and she will have copies made for meeting attendees. The reports will also appear in the NOCALL NEWS. Linda asked committee liaisons to contact the Committee Chairs to see if they will be able to attend the Business Meeting.



3. SF Daily Journal Article - Marie Blosh, Technology Committee Chair, will write the April Daily Journal article. The topic is "Will Internet Filters Be Mandatory?" and discusses the future of schools and libraries as free access Internet providers. Donna Purvis and the Public Relations Committee will now begin scheduling the monthly newspaper article authors.

AALL Focus Group - March 26-27, 1998 - Linda - Helen Little, from AALL headquarters in Chicago, led two focus groups in the Bay Area (one in San Francisco and one in Sacramento). The groups each consisted of nine librarians with differing backgrounds (supervisors, non AALL members, etc.) The groups discussed AALL issues. Helen also met with librarians in Chicago and New Orleans.

4. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Grants - Mary Sigafoos - (Sue) There will be a notice and form in the next newsletter about applying for grants to AALL, SLA or ALA. Mary is willing to chair the committee again next year.

Placement - Mary Staats - (Sue) Nothing new to report. Mary will try to clean up the NOCALL Placement web page to make it more current very soon. Mary indicated that she would be willing to continue as Placement Chairperson next year.

Newsletter - Jo Caporaso - The May/June issue is coming up. We discussed topics for upcoming newsletters. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 5, 1998.

Membership - Yvonne Boyer - (Marlowe) Dues renewal notice dates were discussed.

Public Relations - Donna Purvis - (Sue) The committee has had trouble meeting to finalize the brochure, but they hope to have a final draft by the next Board Meeting. Donna will contact the Daily Journal about continuing the monthly columns and possibly having a better location in the paper.

There will be a notice about the KQED pledge drive in the next newsletter. She had about twenty responses to her posting asking for volunteers, and they hope to do the pledge drive in June. If that date doesn't work out, they will move it to August. There will be a NOCALL activities table at AALL.

Coral Henning and Leslie Forrester

have agreed to be in charge. Coral and Leslie will be asking for volunteers to man the table during the convention. Donna will not be able to chair the committee again next year. She is willing to serve on the committee, however. Donna will ask present committee members if anyone would be willing to be the chairman.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mary Ann Parker - The joint NOCALL/SCALL Institute will be held on February 26-27, 1999 at the Monterey Doubletree Hotel. Pat Pfremmer and David McFadden are firming up the plans.

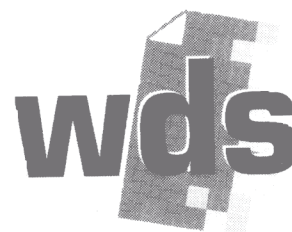
Linda Weir - The next Board meeting will be held at Hastings (ARC Conference Room) on May 5, 1998.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Linda adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary
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- **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

- **June 22 - 23** Monday-Tuesday
Legal Tech, Los Angeles. Contact
(212) 877-5619

- **July 1** Wednesday
NOCALL membership renewal forms
due. Contact Yvonne Boyer
(415) 693-2610

- **July 11 - 16** Saturday - Thursday
AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

- **July 14** Tuesday
NOCALL & SCALL joint reception,
6:00 - 8:00 at the Hilton, Anaheim.
See the AALL Annual Meeting final
program for location or contact Mary
Ann Parker (916) 653-8001

- **September 24** Thursday
(Tentative)
Fall Business Meeting, UC Davis.
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- **October 6** Tuesday
Deadline for registering for Internet
Librarian '98 at 50% discount.
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- **November 3 - 5** Tuesday-Thursday
Internet Librarian '98, Monterey

- **February 26 - 27** Thursday-Friday

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