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President's Message

**By Cathy Hardy
Venture Law Group**

It is two days before our Spring Institute. Donna Williams and her committee have done an outstanding job, we have an incredible turnout, and it should be the best institute ever. We are truly blessed with a group of committed, talented, and highly professional colleagues. A lot can, and

has, happened in 20 years. The year I graduated from library school Dialog was this cool new tool; we did our computer programming class by typing code onto IBM cards; Prop 13 was just beginning to have an effect on things; and NOCALL was born.

OK, so by the time you read this, we will have had enough nostalgia. After all, you had to wait overnight to find

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More importantly for us, where is NOCALL going, and how will we get there? I would like to invite you to think about this topic as you prepare for our May Business meeting.

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Sarah Ann Long
President 1999-2000
American Library Association

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President's Message

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out if your computer program worked; Dialog took forever; and I had to wait 3 years before getting a full time job in a public library because they no longer had any money. I like to think about the present and the future. Where are we going, and how will we get there? More importantly for us, where is NOCALL going; and how will we get there? I would like to invite you to think about this topic as you prepare for our May Business meeting. Donna Williams and I are planning a town meeting format for the May

meeting. We want everyone to share his or her dreams for the future of NOCALL. We have a lot of practical issues to discuss as well, including how we elect our executive board, and how to ensure that becoming a committee chair does not necessarily mean a life-long commitment. Details on the meeting will be mailed in April. If you have any ideas before that time, please let me know. This is the most incredible organization I have ever been associated with; and it is an honor to be your president. I look forward to a great meeting in May.



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Books and Bytes: Balancing Formats in Today's Libraries

AALL Video Conference, followed by speakers and questions from the audience

Who may attend? This presentation is relevant to all library professionals from special libraries, public libraries and law libraries. All are invited.

When? Thursday, April 13th, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Where? Alameda County Conference Center, "Hayward Room"
125 Twelfth Street, Fourth Floor
(Just above the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library)
Oakland, California 94607

Cost: This event is free to all NOCALL members; \$5.00 for non-members.
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To register: Contact Greg Fite at (510) 208-4830, fax registration to Greg at (510) 208-4823, or email Greg Fite: gfite@co.alameda.ca.us

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Please fax to Greg Fite at (510) 208-4823 by April 7th, 2000, 5:00 p.m.
Thanks!

Musings From Mark

by Mark Mackler
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

MUSINGS ON JOHN MOORE...Most of you have thought of John in the context of his having been a wonderful colleague of ours, but I wanted to share with you two reminiscences of John as having been my friend.

A little more than a year ago, I had some of you over to my home to celebrate a particular event. (No, I won't tell you what the event was.) The party went very smoothly and people enjoyed themselves. By about midnight, after most of the guests had left, I found John involved in a living-room discussion with four or five remaining guests. It was about that time that I began the process of cleaning up from the party. (After all, the party was supposed to have ended at 11.)

1:30 comes and goes, my cleanup is essentially completed, I come back to the living-room and what do I see? John is still sitting in the recliner, and he is still going strong! The other guests are listening to John as intently as they had been 90 minutes earlier!

Finally, it's 2:15, and I really want to go to bed. It has been a long day, and I'm exhausted. I go into the living-room, and what do I see? John is still going strong, but what is different this time is that a guest who had left the party hours earlier has returned and has joined John's group! I can't take it anymore! I shut off the lights and throw everyone out...To this day I do not know what the topic of the discussion was, but whatever John et al. were talking about must have been a captivating subject!

Shortly after Christmas, John and I got together after work and were walking to dinner

at Chevy's at Embarcadero Center. (Well, I never pretended to have high-class tastes when it comes to food.) As we were proceeding down Market Street, John was puffing away on his cigarette. He abruptly turned to me and said, "So, do you know any good personal trainers? I'm thinking that I'd like to start a program after New Year's." As it turned out, I know a very good trainer. I told John all about him, and the next day I gave the trainer's business card to John. John thanked me, said that he would call him, and then he put the card into his shirt pocket. Of course, John died a few weeks after this.

I know that this sounds crazy, but there is a part of me that believes that if John had only begun a fitness program earlier, he would have been all right. This is obviously irrational, but the episode of John and the trainer remains on my mind.



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National Library Week ~ Read! Learn! Connect! @ The Library

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National Library Week, described by ALA as our "national holiday" will be observed April 9-15, 2000. National Library Week, which is generally observed each year during the second full week of April, gives us an occasion to celebrate the contributions of all types of libraries and librarians.

In the mid-1950s research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954.

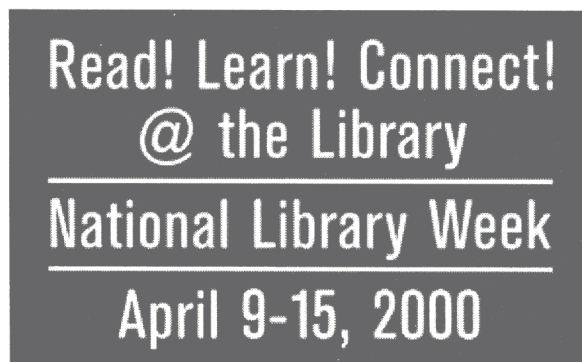
In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958. The message: "Wake Up and Read!"

ALA offers a host of suggestions to help us celebrate and provides "toolkits" with posters, etc. Their suggestions include:

- Post a National Library Week message on your Web site.
- Instruct staff to answer the telephone: "Happy National Library Week!"
- Invite local officials or special patrons for a special National Library Week tour or program highlighting the many ways

your library serves its constituents.

- Ask local businesses to display National Library Week posters and give away bookmarks.
- Sponsor a "Library Appreciation Day."
- Establish a "Why My Library Is Important to Me" bulletin board or binder so library users can share how they appreciate the services of their library. Invite important people in your organization to tell their stories.



ALA toolkits & graphics catalogs include:

- New National Library Week poster, bookmarks and other promotional materials
- "Why Do You Love Libraries?" poster
- "Celebrating America's Libraries" history sheet
- "What the Library of Congress Does for You" fact sheet, describing

the services provided by the national library to all libraries and all Americans

- Sample Proclamations for National Library Week

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National Library Week

Quotable Facts about America's Libraries

From the ALA Webpage

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries three times as often as they go to movies.
- Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than seven million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from Boston to San Francisco.
- Federal spending on libraries totals only 54 cents per person -- less than two postage stamps.
- A 1998 poll conducted by Gallup for the American Library Association found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability of information via computer.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's -- a total of 15,994, including branches.
- Americans spend more on potato chips and snack foods than on public libraries (\$5.2 billion).
- Americans check out an average of six books a year. They spend about \$21 a year in taxes for the public library -- less than the cost of one best-seller.
- Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.
- Seventy-four percent of public libraries now offer access to the Internet.
- Research shows the highest-achieving students attend schools with good library media centers.
- Americans spend five times as much money on home video games (\$4.8 billion) as they do on school library materials for their children.
- School library media centers spend an average of \$8.50 per child for books -- about half the average cost of a hardcover book.
- Students visit school library media centers almost 2.3 billion times during the school year -- more than twice the number of visits to state and national parks.
- Academic librarians answer about 112 million reference questions each year -- three times the attendance at college football games.
- College libraries receive less than 3 cents of every dollar spent on higher education.
- If the cost of gas had risen as fast as the cost of academic library materials since 1980, it would cost \$5.69 a gallon to put fuel in your car.



Sources:

ALA Office for Research & Statistics, ALA Washington Office Library Research Service & Colorado State Library

Difference of opinion.

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Eleanor Louis BOOM, Respondent,
v.
Rolland David BOOM, Appellant.
No. C2-S2-1956.
Court of Appeals of Minnesota.
April 23, 1985.

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Case synopsis

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this does not preclude trial court from reviewing award if the appeal period has not expired and a party timely moves for amendment pursuant to rule. 48 M.S.A., Rules Civ.Proc., Rule 52.02.

4. Divorce ¶254(1)

A property distribution in a judgment and decree is not "final" until after the appeal period expires.

See publication Words and Phrases for other judicial constructions and definitions.

Syllabus by the Court.

1. A disproportionate award of marital property to the husband is justified where 13 years elapsed between service of the summons and complaint and the dissolution and the property was acquired solely by the husband during that period.

2. A court may amend its judgment anytime before the appeal time on the judgment expires.

Robert E. Van Nostrand, Wheaton, for respondent.

John E. Mack, New London, for appellant.

Heard, considered and decided by POPOVICH, Chief Judge, and SEDGWICK, and NIERENGARTEN, JJ.

OPINION

SEDGWICK, Judge.

Appellant Rolland Boom and respondent Eleanor Boom both challenge the trial court's division of property. Rolland also alleges the trial court erred: (1) in amending its judgment decree without any findings, explanation or justification; and (2) awarding Eleanor attorney fees. We affirm.

FACTS

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Headnotes
summarize each
point in case

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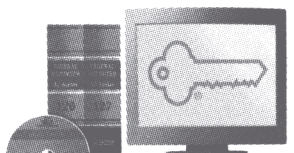
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AALL Time Capsules For the 2000 Annual Meeting

by Sue Burch, Chair
Public Relations Committee

The AALL Public Relations Committee was asked by President Margie Axtmann to come up with some special events for the annual meeting in Philadelphia. One of our ideas is to ask Chapters, Committees and SISs to prepare time capsules. So, we are inviting all AALL Chapters, Committees, SISs, and the Executive Board to prepare time capsules, which we will then store for twenty-five years. We encourage your Chapter to participate.

You can help define our time and also be a unique part of law librarianship's past and future. Our committee will supply the time capsules, and this will be an opportunity to offer a glimpse of your past to our future selves and colleagues. During this summer's Philadelphia meeting the time capsules will be sealed and tucked away for twenty-five years at AALL archives.

The objects you choose to encapsulate can run the gamut from the profound and serious to the weird, silly and sentimental. It's up to you. We'll have more details on preparing your time capsules in the coming months, but the Public Relations Committee hopes your Chapter will start thinking now about what items you want included in your time capsule.

Twenty-five years isn't that long. Look how fast the millennium went by! In July, 2025 we hope we'll all still be around (it doesn't hurt to be optimistic) to attend the annual AALL meeting and watch as our time capsules are opened. For more information on

how your Chapter can become a permanent part of AALL's history, please call or e-mail me at the address below:

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The Four W's and One H of the AALL Grants Program

by Joyce Manna Janto,
AALL Grants Committee

The AALL Grants program is one of the most misunderstood endeavors that AALL sponsors. People do not understand where the money comes from, what the money is for, who is entitled to the money, or how to apply. To clear up some of the confusion, we are using an old journalism model.

First, WHO may obtain a grant? Many members think that you must be a brand new librarian in order to qualify for a grant. That is not true. While preference is given to newer (in the profession 5 years or less) librarians, consideration is given to the contributions made by veterans.

Second, for WHAT purpose may the money be used? This is the most common misconception. Many members think the Grants and Scholarship Committees are interchangeable. The Grants program is not related to the Scholarship program. The Scholarship program gives tuition money to those pursuing a formal educational program. The Grants program is more focused, providing funding for members to attend either the AALL Annual Meeting or an AALL Institute or Workshop.

Third, let's look at from WHERE the money comes. This is one of the most surprising things about the AALL Grants program because the money comes from us! AALL, as an organization, budgets no money for Grants. This money is accumulated through donations by vendors, who have generously underwritten this program, and by AALL members. This program counts on individual AALL members to donate money to help their colleagues who otherwise would not be

able to participate in educational and professional development activities.

Finally, WHEN and HOW does one apply for an AALL Grant? As for when, the Grants application is available right now. The Grants application can be found either on AALLNET (www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp); through the AALL

fax-on-demand service (732-544-5901); by calling AALL Headquarters (312-939-4764); or by e-mailing them (aallhq@aall.org).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**Contact: Holly Mohler,
AALL Grants Committee Chair**

The deadline for the grant application is April 1, 2000. The HOW is equally easy. The current application and application procedures are clearly outlined on the Grants Committee page on AALLNET (www.aallnet.org/services/grants.asp).

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Holly Mohler, AALL Grants Committee Chair, at Greene, Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, One Embarcadero Center, Ste 600, San Francisco, Ca 94111; (415)276-6506; hollymohler@dwt.com



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Election Conundrum: Contested Election or Ratification

At the May Business Meeting, as part of the Town Hall discussion, we will look at the advantages and disadvantages of having contested elections or ratifying a slate presented from the Nominations Committee. Cathy Hardy has asked the Constitution and By-laws Committee to poll the organization to find out what members think about this issue.

Please fill out and submit the following form or send me an email or phone message.

Thanks,

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NOCALL Elections Survey

_____ I think elections should remain contested elections and the Nominations Committee should make every effort to find two candidates for each office.

_____ I think we should change to a new election procedure where the Nominations Committee prepares a slate of officers and the association vote to accept their slate.

_____ I'm not sure at this time what would be best.

_____ It does not matter to me either way.

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What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

If the truth be told, I am somewhat of a closet food critic. Food is one of the most basic human needs and I dearly love to eat. One of my favorite bakeries in San Francisco, if not the planet, was The Fran Gage Patisserie Francaise. Unfortunately, this gem of a bakery, once nestled above the City's Castro district, closed to due a fire back in 1995. Last year, Sasquatch Books, out of Seattle, published a beautiful collection of Fran Gage's culinary memoirs and recipes titled ***Bread And Chocolate: My Food Life In & Around San Francisco***. This lovely tome opens the doors to the many flavors of San Francisco through Fran's tales and the 60 recipes that are included. Although I haven't tried any of her recipes, I have loved reading of her food adventures. ~ **Todd Bennett, Thelen Reid & Priest LLP**

For those of you who love reading biographies and have an insatiable thirst for history, I have just the book: ***Titan, The Biography Of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.*** by Ron Chernow. The setting of "Senior's" life begins in a strict Baptist home where he learned from his frugal parents to keep a ledger of each penny he earned as a child, which became the foundation of his extraordinary mathematical mind. Founding the largest monopoly of its time until Microsoft, Standard Oil made him billions all before automobiles, income taxes and electric lighting were used. Ever wondered if Carnegie, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt were friends? How about where the Sherman Antitrust Act came from? I bet you didn't know Senior suffered from a terrible incurable disease called Alopecia! It's a 700+ page book which at times may lose you over the railroad monopoly, but will grab you again as the billionaire retires and the lives of

his heirs become exceedingly interesting... Hope you like it. ~ **Carol Hession, CCH**

I just finished ***From This Day Forward*** by Cokie & Steve Roberts. It is a book about marriage that incorporates the story of their life together, historical documents about marriage and stories about children and divorce. The historical documents include letters between Abigail and John Adams, and oral histories of slave marriages. I liked this book, because it gave me things to think about related to marriage without being preachy or too "self-helpish." Parts of the book also made me laugh. My favorite line was 'never make a woman weep, for God counts her tears.' There are a lot of interpretations. ~ **Jaye Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo**

If you were like me, and reacted to the Clinton impeachment crisis by saying that you'd wait for the movie, you'll like Richard A. Posner's ***An Affair Of State: The Investigation, Impeachment and Trial Of President Clinton***, published by Harvard University Press, 1999. As every good librarian should, I evaluated the author and publisher before I bought it. Posner is the Chief Judge for the 7th Circuit and Professor of Law at the University of Chicago. He also is a much-published author of books on law, legal philosophy and political science. On that basis I decided that this book met the bill for an accurate description of the facts, law and legal proceedings of the crisis, and bought it. I wasn't disappointed; the book is a real page-turner. Posner's research staff read the entire Starr Report and all 60,000 pages of the Appendices released by the House Judiciary Committee, enabling him to lay out the facts on the public record, and then the law of perjury, obstruction of justice, and impeachment. Believe me, none of the Dramatis Personae he identifies in the Introduction escapes his critical eye. That includes the Supreme Court, which set the events in motion by ruling that the Paula Jones lawsuit against the President could go

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By Jaye A. H. Lapachet
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"At a Crossroads: Information Professional to Intelligence Analyst," Bonnie Hohhof & Lera Chitwood, **Information Outlook**, February 2000, v.4, n.2, pg. 22-25.

So, what are you going to do with your life when you cannot answer another reference question without screaming? Have you thought about it? This article discusses what an intelligence analyst does and the differences between an "IA" and an information professional. The identification of strengths and weaknesses is right on target for information professionals.

"Competitive Intelligence on the Internet: Going for the Gold," Helen Kassler, **Information Outlook**, February 2000, v.4, n.2, pg. 37-42.

Kassler offers strategies for finding authentic and useful competitive intelligence information on the Web. This article does not really tell us what we do not already know, but does help us think about what we know in new ways.

"Computer based graphics tools for the graphically challenged," David H. Carlson, **Information Technology and Libraries**, December 1999, pg. 182-191.

An overview of the capabilities of graphics programs is presented with an eye towards enhancing "illustration, presentations, spreadsheets, and word processing." Recommendations concerning the "effective use of business graphics in libraries" are also discussed.

"Dial-a-Mess," Seth Lubove, **Forbes**, January 24, 2000, v.165, No. 2, Pg 68 to 70.
<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/00/0124/6502068a.htm>

Forbes takes a look at Dialog, their past and present. There is not very much about their future, except the Internet. Daniel Wagner, owner of Dialog, explains that they are moving away from marketing to libraries and focusing on end-users. The article includes comparisons to other services, such as Thomson's ILX Systems.

"Extranets. What's the Fuss?" Ian Watson, **Information Outlook**, February 2000, v.4, n.2, pg. 10-11.

If you don't know what an Extranet does, then this article gives you some insight. The gems in this article relate to organizing and doing things differently. The author says that the best person to promote an extranet (could be applied to Intranet as well, I think) is someone who understands the business model and the company's goals and objectives. He follows that statement up by saying we need to get to "the stage where we use the Web to do things differently." This means that any WWW, Extra- or Intranet project should be user-driven. If the users are not happy, then why bother? If the users do not use the thing that took you months to create, then why bother? Additionally, we need to figure out new ways of using the Web to improve services and dissemination of information, not just to automate existing processes.

"Getting out of the HTML Business: The Database Driven Solution," Kristin Antelman, **Information Technology and Libraries**, December 1999, pg. 176-181.

The main point of this article is that we are busy people and the maintenance of HTML pages takes a lot of manpower, so we should convert as many pages as we can to dynamic pages. In the course of explaining how this could be possible and what it all means, Antelman gives a good basic overview of the structure of a Website and how it works. She discusses what the tools are, what the abbreviations mean, how to best implement searching features, the best way to display different

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kinds of data and "other potential applications." She also discusses planning and implementation.

"Multimedia to the People," Pat Ensor, innovation reports on technology column, **Library Journal NetConnect**, October 15, 1999, pg. 15-16.

I applaud Ensor for pointing out our failings to us. She discusses the value of various "sensory input" such as sound and images, and admonishes librarians for supporting mainly verbal-linguistic intelligences. Though the crux of this article does not often apply to law libraries, we are not completely absolved. While a pain, we do have the capability to add sound and images to our catalogs and collections. We need to think ahead and move into this area with excitement.

"Outsourcing the Portal: Another Branch in the Decision Tree" Tim McMahon, **Information Outlook**, January 2000, v.4, n.1, pg. 23-26.

McMahon gives basic definitions of technological terms related to portals and intranets. He "hooks" readers by discussing lost money and productivity for badly designed intranets. He also discusses outsourcing by focusing on the business's core business and outsourcing the rest.

"A Prescription for Intelligence : Skila Helps Medical Executives Find the Answers they Need," Eileen P. Gunn, **Upside**, March 2000, pg. 120, 122, 124. <http://www.upsidetoday.com/taxis/mvm/story?id=387e4e690>

This article on Skila, a pharmaceutical/medical intelligence gathering firm, did not really give me the information that I wanted. The information that I wanted was who are the people who work at the company and

what kind of degrees do they have? How much do they get paid? How did the company start? Are there librarians/information professionals involved? "Intelligence gathering" seems to be the new name for what libraries have done for years: match people up with the information they need. Skila's advantage is described in this article as "well-packaged information and a delivery system full of bells and whistles." I thought that this described something beyond the scope of what we do, but when I read that "the platform culls information from Skila's proprietary research, a client's own computer banks, and third-party sources such as Lexis-Nexis, Edgar and Medline," I knew that they were doing what we do.

"... we are smart enough to do this type of thing. The questions are: Are we brave enough? When will we get started and will it be too late when we do? The key to what [they do] ... is their attitude. They are supplying what people need to make decisions. What do we supply? Have you asked yourself lately, or looked around your library to try to answer the question?"

Reading about this, I got a kind of sick feeling in my stomach, because I glimpsed the end of our profession. Then realized that we are smart enough to do this type of thing. The questions are: are we brave enough?" When will we get started and will it be too late when we do? The key to what Skila does, I think, is their attitude. They are supplying what people need to make decisions. What do we supply? Have you asked yourself lately, or looked

around your library to try to answer the question?

"Slicing the Image Pie," Leo Robert Klein, yourhomepage column, **Library Journal NetConnect**, October 15, 1999, pg. 13-14. If you are dealing at all with images or converting formats, then this article is one that will give you a new appreciation for the peo-

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ple who figure out formats and make them understandable for those of us with lives. This article talks about the different image standards, what each one means, what to do when you have too big an image and what degradation you might experience when converting and compressing images. This article goes beyond the basic "what is an image format" by including a section on 'slicing' which is breaking up the image into smaller parts. Slicing helps images download quickly.

"Using an RFI as a Selection Tool for Automated Library Systems," Carol Bean, **LaSoMI Newsletter**, January 2000, v.53, n.3, pg.2-4. <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cia/newsletter/january00.pdf>

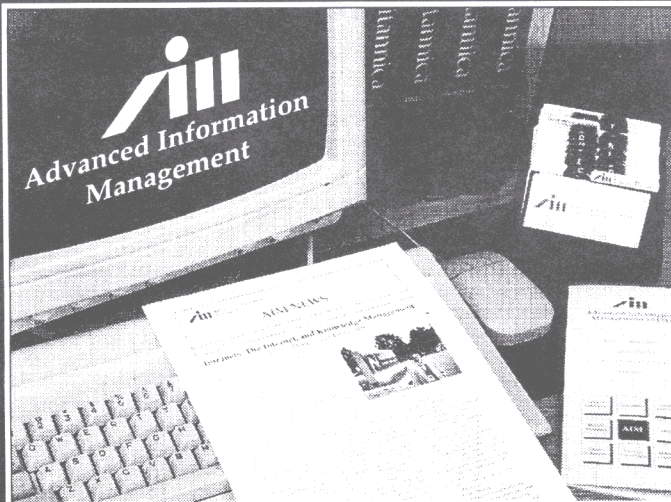
Carol Bean is a law librarian in Louisiana. She describes the process she used to select an automation vendor in this article. There is an excellent list of resources and Carol seems to be willing to share her working papers with others going through the same process. While she does not go into depth or get on her soap-box, she does mention that she learned a lot about what vendors are offering and how different that is from what librarians want.

"Where Have You Gone, Fair Use: Document Delivery in the For Profit Sector"

James Heller, Copyright Corner column, **Information Outlook**, January 2000, v.4, n.1, pg. 42-43.

Finally, an article that we can slap in front of our attorneys and actually get them to read. There has been so much written about copyright and most of it, while certainly relevant, goes straight from attorney's inboxes to the circular file. The article clearly articulates what for profit entities can and cannot do under the fair use section of the copyright law. The article mentions the Spring 1999 Le-Boeuf, Lamb incident, *American Geophysical Union v. Texaco*, the "Rule of Five" and how the CCC works.

"Writers vs. Publishers," Laura Gasaway, Copyright Corner column, **Information Outlook**, February 2000, v.4, n.2, pg. 48-49. She discusses a recent decision giving writers the exclusive right to transfer rights to their works. The question this decision makes me ask is: will this change the way we think of the databases that we rely on? Will they be as comprehensive?

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New NOCALL Members

At long last The 1999-2000 NOCALL Membership Directory is complete. If you haven't received your copy it should be arriving shortly. Many thanks to *Marguerite Jones*, Associate Publisher of the *San Francisco Daily Journal* and a NOCALL member, for arranging to have the *Directory* printed at no cost to NOCALL and mailed to the membership. Many thanks as well to the *Daily Journal* for their continuing sponsorship of the *Directory*. And while I'm expressing appreciation, thank you to those meticulous NOCALL members who proofread directory entries: *Yvonne Boyer, Tom Eyres, Marlowe Griffiths, Debby Kearney, Janice Kelly, Lille Koski and Chris Tarr*.

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Best wishes to *Mary Sigafos*, formerly of Greene, Radovsky in San Francisco, who has married and moved to Colorado. Teresa Ewing starts March, 27, 2000.



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forward while he was in office. The only problem I had with this book was the lack of a bibliography. I would have liked to see all the sources in the voluminous footnotes listed in one place. Nevertheless, if you would like to read a scholarly presentation of a true tale of law, politics and public morality that is cleverly disguised as a good read, this is the book for you. ~**Mary Ann Parker, CA Dept. of Water Resources**

I have dusted off some old college paperbacks and am re-reading all of Jane Austen. Her language is truly wonderful and her portrayal of style and manner in Regency England is fascinating - satirical and witty. I have become so immersed that I'm afraid it's taking over my speech and thought processes. I sit at my desk cite-checking a pleading - wishing I were trimming a bonnet instead. The next cranky patron who comes in will see me "cast a critical eye upon their loathsomeness" and they will "hear me say all that was meant to be said" !!!
~**Pati Traktman, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell & Quinn**



NOCALL FALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

The meeting was held at the Adobe Lodge, Santa Clara University. There were approximately 15 members present.

President Cathy Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 1999 Business Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cathy Hardy for Nancy Adams)

Cathy noted that the association has invested in a second \$5,000 certificate of deposit. The current balance is \$34,068.71.

3. Committee Reports

- Public Access (Donna Williams):** Coral Henning reports that the committee is partnering with the San Francisco and Sacramento Bar Associations to explore how librarians can work with the Volunteer Legal Services Program.
- Public Relations (Donna Williams):** Coral Henning would like to remind members about the association's column in the Daily Journal, and she welcomes articles.
- Education (Donna Williams):** Jenny Kanji sent a draft flyer for the Fall Workshop titled "Life Would Be Easy if it Weren't for Other People!" The workshop will be held on October 27th at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco.
- Academic Relations (Jane Metz):** Linda Weir, interim chair of the committee, reports that NOCALL will participate in a student reception at UC Berkeley's SIMS on October 13th. The president of SLA will be the featured speaker. The committee will participate in a career panel at San Jose State University in the spring.
- Technology (Nancy Hoebelheinrich):** The Technology Committee plans to create focus groups to explore the needs of the membership.
- Webmaster (Cathy Hardy):** Joan Loftus would like to find a new webmaster, beginning with the May 2000 NOCALL year.
- Newsletter (Cathy Hardy and Nancy Hoebelheinrich):** Leslie Campbell is working on the first issue.
- Spring Institute (Donna Williams):** The Spring Institute will be held on Friday March 17 and Saturday, March 18, 2000 at the Ramada Plaza in San Francisco. This is the 20th anniversary of NOCALL, and the institute will reflect the asso-

ciation's rich history. Speakers include Chief Justice Ronald George and Gene Crew (partner at Townsend Townsend and Crew). There will be a reception and grand dinner buffet at the California Culinary Academy. And AALL President Margaret Axtmann will attend and speak at the lunch on Saturday.

- January Business Meeting (Cathy Hardy):** The January business meeting will be on Friday, January 28, 2000 at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco. Dr. Blanche Woolls, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University will speak on the future of library education.



NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1999

The meeting was held at McCutchen Doyle Brown & Enersen, Palo Alto. Present: Cathy Hardy, Donna Williams, Jane Metz, Mary Ann Parker, and Nancy Adams. Absent: David Bridgman, and Lauri Flynn.

President Cathy Hardy called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 1999 Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

2. Old Business

Cathy will contact Bev Lipton regarding the NOCALL donation towards the breast cancer walk.

3. New Business

- Union List (Cathy):** Union List Committee Chair Pati Traktman reports that the union list is at the printers. The proposed purchase price is \$70 for listing libraries, \$75 for non-listing libraries, and \$65 for a second copy. The board approved the prices.
- Joint Reception at AALL 2000 (Cathy):** The SANDALL, SCALL, and NOCALL joint reception at AALL is tentatively set for Tuesday of the conference. Cathy will be working on food and location. Larry Meyer, SCALL President will contact Martindale-Hubbell to see if they will sponsor the event.
- Newsletter Items (Cathy):** Cathy reminded the board that next week is the newsletter deadline.

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•**Hosting AALL President (Cathy and Mary Ann):**

AALL President Margaret Axtmann, who will speak at the NOCALL Spring Institute, would like to arrive a day early (Thursday) and spend time in the East Bay. Margaret is interested in visiting UC Berkeley's School of Information Management and some East Bay libraries. Shirley David will coordinate the details. The board decided that all executive board members, Shirley David, Margaret Axtmann, and the Spring Institute committee members will be invited to a Presidents Dinner on Thursday evening.

•**Report on Spring Institute (Donna):** Donna shared the program schedule and budget with the board. The board discussed expenses and concluded that everything looks fine.

•**Fall Education Program (Donna):** The airfare expenses for speaker Sandra Yancy exceeded expectations; however, the program was well attended and the committee received positive feedback.

•**Treasurer's Report (Nancy):** Registration checks from the fall education program haven't been deposited yet. As of November 5, 1999, the treasury balance is \$34,068.71.

4. **Liaison Reports**

•**AALL Liaison (Mary Ann):** Shirley David has talked to AALL President Margaret Axtman, and is working out details for Margaret's visit in the spring.

•**Awards (Mary Ann):** Mary Ann has asked Judy Janes to be on her committee. She also plans to ask Paul Lomio to serve on her committee (to replace the spot held by Iris Wildman).

•**Consulting (Cathy for Lauri):** The committee has had two requests for assistance since June: a medium sized library looking for clerical help, and a firm seeking advice on how to hire a librarian.

•**Education (Donna):** Jenny Kanji plans to show the AALL customer service satisfaction video in January.

•**Government Relations (Cathy):** Sam Trosow has been keeping the membership informed of several pending federal bills.

•**Grants (Nancy):** John Moore, Grants Committee Chair, needs to know how many grants are available for the Spring Institute. The board discussed it and felt that while two registration grants is traditional, up to four could be granted if needed.

•**Membership (Nancy):** Nancy will check with Marlene Harmon regarding the membership directory.

•**Networking (Cathy):** Sue Welsh will attend the Library of California meeting to represent NOCALL.

•**Nominations (Jane):** Jane will remind Marlowe Griffiths of the January 20th nominations deadline.

•**Placement (Cathy for Lauri):** Placement committee chair Mary Staats is posting one or two job announcements a week.

•**Public Access (Cathy):** Jean Willis will be speaking about county law libraries at the upcoming California Library Association meeting. Jean has requested a small grant to cover printing costs of distributing materials at the CLA meeting. The board approved covering the printing costs.

•**Technology (Cathy):** Technology Committee Chair Nancy Hoebelheinrich plans to attend the brown bag meetings held by various law library groups to seek feedback on the committee's role and direction.

5. **January Business Meeting (Cathy)**

The January business meeting will be on Friday, January 28, 2000 at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. The board will meet at 10:00 AM, before the business meeting.

6. **Committees Information**

Membership chair Marlene Harmon sent out a list of potential volunteers to each committee chair. The board decided to not send out any committee descriptions to the listserv (as was set up at the last board meeting). Instead, Cathy will encourage each chair to call or e-mail all volunteers on the list. If board members have write-ups that were intended for the NOCALL-list, they should forward those to the newsletter for possible publication.

7. **Adjournment (Cathy)**

Cathy adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.



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March 30th, Thursday ~ Executive Board Meeting, McCutchen Doyle Brown & Enerson, Palo Alto

April 18th, Tuesday ~ 4th Annual Neighborhood Dinner Meeting (SLA SF Bay Region Chapter).

April 13th, Thursday ~ Books and Bytes: Balancing Formats in Today's Libraries (AALL/West) satellite videoconference.

- Alameda County Conference Center, Hayward Room, (just above the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library), 125 Twelfth Street, Fourth Floor, Contact Greg Fite (510) 208-4830.
- University of San Francisco, Gleeson Library, 9:00-10:30. Contact Karen Johnson, (415) 422-2759.

April 9th-15th, Sunday-Saturday ~ National Library Week

May ~ NOCALL Business Meeting, date to be announced

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