



# NOCALL News

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## Presidents' Messages

### *Parting thoughts from an outgoing president:*

It was with great enthusiasm that I struck the gavel to end the May business meeting, my last as President. Donna will tell you more about the meeting, but I thought it went well. I was encouraged to see the number of people who feel that what we are doing as an organization is valuable. It has been an honor to serve all of you as President, and I feel fortunate that I was given that opportunity.

I would like to thank Mary Ann Parker for her three years of service as Vice President, President and Past President. Her knowledge, patience and good sense guided us through several milestones including the first joint institute, the joint AALL VIP program, and the Pan-California Agreement between SCALL, SANDALL, and NOCALL which formalized our cooperative efforts. On a personal level, she has been a great mentor and support, making me laugh when I wanted to scream, and listening when I needed a shoul-

der. (I can see her now shaking her head and waving her hand.)

I would also like to thank Nancy Adams for her work as Treasurer for the past two years. She did an incredible job accounting for the joint institute, with funds going in and out of two institutions, on top of all the regular NOCALL books. She paid our bills quickly, and was always at the Board Meetings with a smile on her face, no matter what she had to do to get there.

Thanks to David Bridgman and Lauri Flynn who added wisdom and humor to the Board. Thanks to Secretary Jane Metz for her incredible organization!

I would like to thank Donna Williams for her support. She did an excellent job on the institute, and she graciously helped me to brainstorm for our final Business Meeting. Her belief in NOCALL and her commitment to the organization is inspirational. She is going to be a great president.

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Finally, I would like to thank all of the committee chairs and members for their work. There is really no NOCALL without them. Please consider joining a committee this year; you will make friends, have fun, and produce worthwhile results.

I have also included in this issue my remarks from the May Business Meeting honoring Barbara Friedrich, who received the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award.

**Cathy Hardy**



## *Thoughts from an incoming president:*

Welcome to another great year for NOCALL! I'm looking forward to an exciting year as President. I'd like to thank the past Board for the great experience. It's been such a pleasure working with everyone!

The Town Hall Business Meeting was very energizing. We had members voice their opinions on the direction that NOCALL is going. Three major topics were discussed: contested or uncontested elections, how to spend some of our treasury money and more networking to make NOCALL members have more of a "community" feel. I think these are all interesting and relevant topics for this year. These topics will be passed on to the committee chairs so we can decide as an organization exactly what areas NOCALL should focus on.

At this time, almost all committee chairs are in place. We have some very dedicated and talented people who are willing to put the time into making NOCALL such a wonderful association. By being on a committee, you have a say in how NOCALL works. If YOU have any particular interest in being on a committee, give me a call and I can put you in touch with the committee chair.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and a great time at AALL!

**Donna Williams**

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## SFLL Offers Enhanced Online Legal Resources

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The San Francisco Law Library Website ([www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfll](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfll)) has recently been redesigned to be more attractive and easier to navigate. The site can now be found on a white and blue speckled background with major navigational links consistently grouped together on the left side of each Webpage. Additionally, the content of the site itself has been expanded to offer visitors greater access to legal information. Most notably, the 'Useful Web Links' page ([www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfll/links.htm](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfll/links.htm)) now offers links to more than 80 different legal sites, classified into six major categories: California, Federal, Legal Search Tools, Local, Self-help, and Miscellaneous. Each linked site has been reviewed by the library's reference staff to assure its value and legitimacy. In short, the 'Useful Web Links' page is intended to be a comprehensive gateway for attorneys, judges, and the general public performing legal research on the Web.

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## Results of Pole Regarding Election Procedures

### Our membership:

Contested elections	6
Uncontested elections	14
Uncontested with write-in or petition	5
Allow for both options (Encourage contested, allow uncontested)	9
Unsure	2

### Other chapters:

Contested elections (1 voting to change this year.)	2
Uncontested elections	0
Uncontested with write-in or petition	11
Allow for both options (Encourage contested, allow uncontested)	6

Chapters represented: ALLA, AZALL, CAL, CoALL, GPLLA, HALL, LLAA, LLAGNY, LLAW, LLNE, LLOPS, MALL, NJLLA, ORALL, SANDALL, SEALL, SFALL, SNELLA, and WestPac.

*For full text of comments received from members and from other chapters on this issue, consult Prano Amjadi, Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, [pamjadi@scu.edu](mailto:pamjadi@scu.edu), (408) 554-5320*



# Musings From Mark

by Mark Mackler  
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

"ARE YOU AN OFFICE SLOB?"...I just found this article from the *Business Week* of March 24, 1997. It was buried in the file folder I keep of stuff for future *Musings*. The Mark of a Messaholic:

1. Are you unable to walk freely about the office without bumping into things?
2. Do you spend more than one minute looking for anything?
3. Is it possible to reach the phone without knocking something over?
4. Can you see the surface of your desk?
5. Do you have files that bulge or have nothing in them?
6. Are there piles everywhere?

**MOST-CHALLENGED CHILDREN'S BOOKS...**According to the Office of Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association, the top 10 are:

1. The Harry Potter series, for its focus on wizardry and magic
2. The Alice series, for offensive language and unsuitability to age group
3. The Chocolate War, for offensive language
4. Blubber (Judy Blume!), for offensive language and unsuitability to age group
5. Fallen Angels (the same reasons)
6. Of Mice and Men (the same reasons)
7. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, for being too explicit in its portrayal of rape and sexual abuse
8. The Handmaid's Tale, for sexual content
9. The Color Purple, for sexual content and offensive language
10. Snow Falling on Cedars (the same reasons)

**PREGNANT PATRON JAILED...**Beverly Goldman, 24, was arrested on charges stemming from her failure to return seven chil-

dren's books and videotapes to the Clearwater (Fla.) Public Library. Police did allow Goldman, seven months pregnant, to see her two children, ages 5 and 6, off to school before taking her into custody. She then spent eight hours in jail before friends and relatives paid her bail. Goldman said she had changed addresses and had not received notices of her outstanding fines and, furthermore, did not remember checking out any videos. The Library dropped charges after Goldman's family promised to pay the \$127.86 she owed for the items, now more than 16 months overdue. Six days earlier, another patron had been arrested and briefly jailed for failing to return \$80 worth of overdue materials. According to Director John Szabo, "We don't want to put people in jail. This is not something the Library enjoys doing or even wants to do."

**AND FINALLY...**I've always liked Justice David Souter. Maybe it's his New England background, or maybe it's because he tends to be independent-minded. In any event, Mr. Justice Souter wrote a very interesting opinion in the recent nude dancing case, City of Erie v. Kandyland 98-1161. He changed his mind on a question of law! In 1991, he had written that he assumed that cities were being harmed by nude dancing. "I should have demanded the evidence then, too," Justice Souter said, "and my mistake calls to mind Justice Jackson's foolproof explanation of a lapse of his own, when he quoted Samuel Johnson, 'Ignorance, sir, ignorance.' I may not be less ignorant of nude dancing than I was nine years ago, but after many subsequent occasions to think further about the needs of the First Amendment, I have come to believe that a government must toe the mark more carefully than I first insisted. I hope that it is enlightenment on my part, and acceptable even if a little late." What a guy!

**COMING NEXT...**Some thoughts on "L.A. Law" and the San Francisco Public Library.





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*NOCALL President Cathy Hardy's Comments in Honor of*

## **Barbara J. Friedrich**

### **NOCALL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

"It is with great pleasure that I present the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award to Barbara Friedrich. Barbara has served NOCALL throughout the years on committees, and as Treasurer, where she sorted out the books and secured the services of an accountant to insure accuracy. I remember Barbara as one of the first NOCALL members I met. I was on a bus going to an AALL pre-conference event connected with a workshop at Santa Clara, and Barbara was my "busmate." She was so friendly I immediately felt welcome and at ease. I think Barbara could make anyone feel welcome. That is probably why she is such a great librarian.

I would like to share some thoughts from one of her colleagues at Santa Clara:

Barbara came to Santa Clara University Law Library in 1985 from McCutcheon. She was hired as a reference librarian (one of two). Her experience in the law firm setting brought an interesting perspective to our academic environment. With her vast knowledge of and expertise in California legislative intent searching she carved out a niche for herself and quickly became the "go to" expert in this area. Additionally she researched and published an index to California ballot measures.

Over her years at Santa Clara, Barbara filled many roles. She went from reference librarian to circulation librarian. She managed that department for over six years, one building move and migration to automation as well as serving as a reference librarian. Her first love was always reference. When the opportunity presented itself she became head of the reference department in 1992 and remained so until her retirement in 1999.

Barbara has been an enthusiastic member of the staff, serving the library and the law school in many ways. She willingly participated on many committees including the dreaded Safety Committee. She was the building safety coordinator - charmingly dragging the reluctant to be more safety-conscious.

Her interests are wide ranging. She is an avid reader. She has been active in the League of Women Voters. She has also been an active participant in the International Students Association at Santa Clara University, providing home and language support. While working at Santa Clara she completed her masters in Pastoral Ministry. She is active in her church.

Barbara has been active in NOCALL throughout her tenure at Santa Clara in so many ways that to attempt to list them here would probably cause me to forget many of them.

Barbara is gone from Santa Clara, but is not forgotten. In so many ways we are reminded of her when we stumble across the things she did so quietly - like our National Library Week display.

Barbara, I am honored to present you with this NOCALL Professional Achievement Award on behalf of all the NOCALL members."

*Nocall Business Meeting, May 18, 2000*

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## My Favorite Bookstore

by Thomas Eyres  
Pacific Telesis Group

*People who know I work in a library are occasionally dumbfounded that I spend my weekends in bookstores. Don't you get tired of books, they say? But what better use of a day than to spend the morning looking for a book, and the afternoon reading it in the café next door? Welcome to "My Favorite Bookstore." -- Tom*

My favorite bookstore has got to be **Logos Bookstore** in Santa Cruz. It is a used books/used records and CDs/new remaindered books place. I spend a week in Santa Cruz every summer and this is my Number One stop. I could spend hours there if my son would only let me. I buy tons of used books and begin devouring them on my week off. Santa Cruz is a well-read town so the selection has never disappointed me. This year I have a plan of action - the new Harry Potter book comes out a few days before my vacation; I am going to give it to my son right before we go into the store, so with any luck he will plunk himself down for a good long read and I can browse to my heart's content!

In between trips to Santa Cruz I go to **Copperfield's Books** in Petaluma (mostly new stuff, small used section, coffee shop), **Book Passage** in Corte Madera (good travel section - well known for mystery section - excellent speaker programs and writing workshops - coffee shop - small used section - very active in independent booksellers association). ~ **Pati Traktman, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell & Quinn, San Francisco**

Well, I hate to admit it, but I don't have time to go to book stores. I have a two year old, a husband who is self employed, and my own full time job. So, I shop **Amazon**. I have al-

ways found what I want and they are very quick in shipping my orders. Because they offer a discount to start with and charge no sales tax, the shipping charge balances out if I were to go to a book store and purchase the same title. The advantage is that I can shop from my home, have it delivered to my home, and it saves me a lot of time. ~

**Kerry C. Prindiville, Frank J. Creede, Jr. Public Law Library, Fresno**

I especially like **Beer's Bookstore** in Sacramento. It has a wide variety of both new and used books, the staff is very friendly and knowledgeable, and there is enough order to help you find books without being so organized you won't luck into something else interesting. They are especially strong on used paperbacks, including westerns and science fiction, which I could and have devoured for hours. They also have a better variety of non-fiction items than most bookstores. The selection tends toward the unusual and not the mass market, especially since they have the used collection. They even buy books, which is a real blessing when you need the room to sleep in your house! ~ **Wayne Owen, Sacramento County Law Library, Sacramento**

My favorite is **Kepler's** in Menlo Park - 1010 El Camino Real. They have everything, and if they don't, they will order it. The staff actually reads, and knows their stock. They have staff recommendations - little mini reviews - on 5x9 cards at various locations throughout the store. They have a large children's section, too. Our whole family enjoys going there to hang out (we have to have a pre-determined budget or we would be in trouble!) They have author events and community events. This May is their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they are celebrating by donating 10% of their sales to local libraries (you have to say "it's for the kids.") You can shop online too. If your online order is over \$50 they will deliver for free to the local area. If

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## **2000 NOCALL ELECTION RESULTS!**

The NOCALL Executive Board is pleased to announce the 2000 NOCALL Officers:

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**Sue Welsh**

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*BOOKSTORES, Continued from page 8)*

you order in the morning, and the book is in stock, you will have it by the evening. I think that is way cool!

For me, reading and drinking coffee seem to go together. There is a very trendy indoor/outdoor place called Cafe Borrone next door to Kepler's. It is something of a hangout on the weekends, and I often feel about 1 million years old when walking through the crowd, but there are also plenty of people drinking coffee and reading, so even if you are not the young hip dot.com type you can enjoy yourself. They are right across the street from the Menlo Park CalTrain station, and there is parking underground. ~ **Cathy Hardy, Venture Law Group, Menlo Park**

I would have to say that my all time favorite bookstore, from all the places I have lived in this world, would have to be **Green Apple Books** on Clement Street in San Francisco. Their selection is huge and eclectic. While I am totally happy perusing the fiction, children's, film and photography books, my friend somehow found an economics book -- in all their offerings -- that made him happy as pie!

I like the layout of the building because it is actually two different buildings next door to one another that have been connected. I have actually never figured out exactly where things are in there due to the fact that it is multiple-level. Every corner I turn is a new surprise! ~ **Patricia Slezak, Boalt Express, Berkeley**

My favorite bookstore in the whole world is **Bart's Books** in Ojai, Calif. I haven't been there for a few years, but I'm hoping that it is still in existence. Ojai is a sleepy little town in Southern California, just below Santa Barbara and inland a bit. Bart's takes up a whole block and what's unique about it is that it has bookshelves on the outside, lining the fence in front of the bookstore, that are filled with

paperbacks and novels. So you can browse the selection before stepping foot inside the store itself! If it is after-hours, you just take what you want and throw your money under the fence! The bookstore itself used to be an old house, so you find the cookbook section in an actual kitchen, and the rest of the books spread out accordingly throughout the "house." Then the shelving spreads outside onto the lawn and is covered with a maze of corrugated tin roofing. My favorite memories are of browsing through those outside shelves on rainy days and hearing the rain pinging on the roof. As you may have guessed by now, Bart's is a "used" bookstore, but I really hate that expression and think "previously enjoyed" is a more apt description. If anyone has been to Bart's lately, I'd love to hear about it! ~ **Susan Campbell, LawFinance Group, Inc., San Francisco**



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## What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine  
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

Ken Haruf's *Plainsong* is a truly beautiful, simple novel about small town life. I loved it. I have also become hooked on the mystery fiction of Ian Rankin and have just finished *Hanging Garden*. The series is set in Edinburgh, Scotland, and they are deep and dark. I am also a great lover of books about music and Robert Christgau's *Flowers In The Dustbin* was very good though you have to love rock and roll I suppose. ~Bob Bering, Boalt Hall

I just finished reading Jane Smiley's *The All-True Travels And Adventures Of Lidie Newton*. After visiting the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut, it seemed appropriate. Now I'm reading John Richardson's first installment of his (eventual) four-volume Picasso biography, *A Life Of Picasso 1881-1906*. Both of the above are available in paperback. ~Vija Doks, Coudert Brothers

I've already finished reading the first three of J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* books; there are no more to be bought until July 8. In the meantime I am re-reading and re-enjoying other "children's books." It is always fun to pick up Professor J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit: Or There And Back Again*. Bilbo Baggins is pried from a comfortable life of gardening, frequent meals (at set times), and blowing smoke rings, in order to join a company of burglars who would reclaim their ancestors' treasure from the lair of a dragon under a faraway mountain. Their diversions and distractions en route are akin to those put in the way of Odysseus and Co. in Homer's *Odyssey*: battles with monsters and the ele-

ments, alternated with a nice amount of breaks for feasting and rest. (Interestingly, although both the *Potters* and *The Hobbit* were written for children, only the former actually feature children as protagonists; there are no significant children characters to be found in the latter.) Fans of the kind of ubiquitous magic for which the Rowling books are famous will find a more noble, less gimmicky, kind in Tolkien. Perhaps fewer incidences make it more exciting when it actually occurs? Tolkien describes scenes, especially the natural surroundings, with such precision that you feel present in the midst of whatever circumstances the characters are in. In that sense, perhaps, the greater part of the magic of Tolkien is in the author's pen, rather than in the hero's wand. For well-written adventure pick up *The Hobbit*. ~Thomas Eyres, Pacific Telesis Group

### Editor's Note:

My book group took on a new challenge this year, which others might find interesting. Each month we read "a book a decade." (It's our own humble survey course.) Read so far: Owen Wister's *The Virginian*, Theodore Drieser's *The Financier*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Six Stories From The Jazz Age*, and John Steinbeck's *The Grapes Of Wrath*. For May: William Saroyan's *The Human Comedy*. Wister's novel was a terrific discovery – The Virginian is one of the great characters of American literature, and no film can do him justice.

*If you'd like to contribute a description of what's currently residing on your reading table, please contact me, Nora Levine, via e-mail, at [nlevine@chrn.com](mailto:nlevine@chrn.com).*



## NOCALL Spring Institute

**By Lille Koski  
Shartsis, Friese & Ginsburg LLP**

The NOCALL Spring Institute, "A Lot Can Happen in 20 Years," was a historic event held in a historic San Francisco hotel. With 125 attendees on Friday, 93 attendees on Saturday, and 27 exhibitors, the Institute was the second largest in NOCALL history. Held in the Whitcomb Ballroom at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on March 17-18, 2000, the Institute attracted librarians from all parts of California.

The Ramada Plaza Hotel was originally named the Hotel Whitcomb when it was built in the early part of 1906. The hotel was not yet completed during the earthquake and fire of April 1906 and served as San Francisco's City Hall and Jail in 1910. In fact, the words "City Hall" are still inscribed above the main entrance to the hotel. It was very fitting that our organization's milestone was held at such a memory-filled location.

The Spring Institute Committee worked diligently to make NOCALL's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration truly memorable. The Institute included tours of four local law libraries, programs on the use of technology in California courts, use of intranets, library reorganization, antitrust law, government relations and the impact on librarians, changes in how news reporters do research and speeches by AALL President Margaret Axtmann and NOCALL's Bob Berring. One of the many highlights was the reception and dinner at the California Culinary Academy. The food was outstanding!

Besides meeting with the many vendors and learning of their products, the NOCALL Spring Institute afforded all of us a chance to catch up on the lives of fellow librarians we see rarely and make new contacts in our profession.



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# Difference of opinion.

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Eleanor Louis BOOM, Respondent,  
v.  
Roland David BOOM, Appellant.  
No. C2-83-1956.  
Court of Appeals of Minnesota.  
April 23, 1985.

536 Minn. 367 NORTH WESTERN REPORTER, 2d SERIES

Eleanor Louis BOOM, Respondent,  
v.  
Roland David BOOM, Appellant.  
No. C2-83-1956.  
Court of Appeals of Minnesota.  
April 23, 1985.

Review Denied June 27, 1985.

Upon motion of wife, appeal by husband from a judgment entered in a marriage dissolution proceeding was dismissed. Husband petitioned for reinstatement of appeal. The Court of Appeals, Peter S. Popovich, J., denied the petition, and husband petitioned for further review. The Supreme Court, Coyne, J., 361 N.W.2d 34, reversed and remanded. Upon remand, the District Court, Traverse County, Bruce N. Reuther, J., divided the parties' property. Appeal was taken. The Court of Appeals, Sedgwick, J., held that: (1) disproportionate award of marital property to husband was justified where 13 years lapsed between service of summons and complaint and marriage dissolution and property was acquired solely by husband during that period, and (2) trial court may amend its judgment any time before appeal time on judgment expires.

Affirmed.

**1. Divorce ¶252.3(3)**

Disproportionate award of marital property to husband was justified, where 13 years lapsed between service of summons and complaint and the marriage dissolution and the property was acquired solely by husband during that period.

**2. Judgment ¶257**

Trial court may amend its judgment any time before appeal time on judgment expires. 48 M.S.A., Rules Civ.Proc., Rules 52.02, 59.03.

**3. Divorce ¶254(1, 2)**

Property divisions are final and are not subject to modification except when they are product of mistake or fraud; however,

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.

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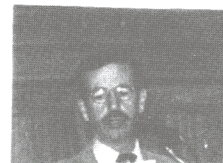
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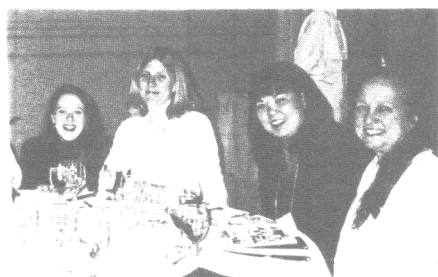


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## NOCALL Spring Institute





# NOCALL Committee Reports

## AALL LIAISON

The primary responsibility of the AALL liaison is to facilitate the chapter visit of the AALL officer. This year AALL President Margaret Axtmann visited NOCALL during the NOCALL Institute and 20 year anniversary celebration, March 17-18, 2000.

On March 16, 2000, Margie and I visited several institutions in the East Bay including:

- Alameda County Law Library
- Crosby, Heafey, Roach, and May
- UC Berkeley SIMS
- UC Berkeley Boalt Hall.

This is the third year that we have taken our AALL officer to visit with our members at their libraries. It serves to enhance the officer's perspective in a way just attending a meeting cannot. Members have an opportunity to share their challenges and accomplishments in their own setting. The officer sees the setting first hand. In addition, this is the second time we have visited with Dean Varian at SIMS. Educating future law librarians is also a priority for AALL influence. I highly recommend we continue the practice of enhancing the chapter visit with side visits to member institutions and library schools.

The second goal of the AALL liaison is to bring various AALL issues to chapter officers and members. Since there is now a AALL Chapter President's Newsletter, a AALL Government Relations liaisons for chapters, and more NOCALL members are members of more AALL committees the liaison link may not be as needed as when this committee of one began four years ago. I still try to keep an ear open for issues that might otherwise escape our attention. For instance, Bob Oakley asked me to meet with him and two other librarians in January to help make the AALL committee appointments. Among other things, we considered geographic representation. I argued that northern and southern California were two separate states thus we needed more California representation on committees than it would appear. I could also recommend those whom I worked with first hand on various NOCALL activities.

This year in the most recent AALL Chapter President's Newsletter, free AALL annual meeting registrations for two Chapter sponsored VIP's was announced. It seems that AALL has institutionalized the VIP program. Since the free registrations were offered so late in the NOCALL year, Cathy Hardy

and Donna Williams decided to allow the Council of California County Law Librarians make the VIP free registration grants part of their grant package to California County Law Library trustees. Only trustees from the NOCALL geographic region will be eligible for the free registration. CCCLL is also offering two travel grants of \$1,000 each to county law library trustees to attend the AALL annual meeting.

I am recommending that NOCALL institutionalize the VIP program by allotting funds for two persons to attend the AALL annual meeting as well as using the free registration. I recommend that the responsibility for setting the criteria and selecting the VIPs become part of the charge of the AALL liaison. In addition, I am recommending that \$3,000 be budgeted to cover the travel expenses of the VIP's. In the alternative, NOCALL may wish to fund the travel of one VIP and share the other free registration with CCCLL.

Shirley H. David  
AALL Liaison

### 2000-2001 Proposed Budget

Chapter visit	500
[Gift, hotel accommodations hosted meals including lunch with host NOCALL librarians]	
VIP program	3,000
[travel expenses for 2 VIP's]	
Total	\$3,500



## AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE

First the good news, the Budget portion of our charge is well underway and the proposed 2000/2001 Budget should be in the hands of the Board by the end of May or early June at the latest.

The bad news is that the Committee has struggled with the Audit portion of our charge this year, to the point of being unable to complete the entire audit.

The review of the checkbook went smoothly, with nothing to report beyond consulting with the Treasurer and the payee about a very stale, and presumably lost, reimbursement check. After discussion and agreement by all parties, the Treasurer put in a stop payment order on the check and adjusted the accounts accordingly.

The annual review of committee expenditures was more problematic. Since the switch from a manual ledger to an Excel database it has become increasingly difficult to complete the audit. Last year the numbers

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were eventually balanced after much effort and resort to the checkbook and monthly receipt folders.

This year we were unable to reconcile the printed Excel files with the folders of receipts, despite several attempts. The format of the Excel database simply does not include enough information to match its figures with the receipts; the date of the updates to the database do not seem to correspond with the end of the fiscal year, further complicating the matter. Although we could match some of the numbers, other times we were forced to guess, or combine figures, which we did not feel was an acceptable performance of our duties.

Perhaps the committee is just not understanding the system, but we feel, and fear, that other similarly situated Nocall members without a financial background would also be unable to complete the audit portion of their charge.

To avoid this problem in the future, we recommend the Board and the Treasurer consider using another software package to track Nocall income and expenses, such as QuickBooks or Quicken, which would allow the entry of more detailed information about the dates and amounts of committee income and expenses.

Ellen Platt, Chair

Sarah Montes and Marilyn Dreyer,  
Committee Member



## AWARDS COMMITTEE

The selection of the recipient of the NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement is assigned to the Awards Committee, chaired by the Past President of the Chapter. The members of the Committee include the previous year's honoree (or designate) and one other NOCALL member. This year the Committee comprising Mary Ann Parker, Chair, Paul Lomio and Judy Janes made its selection via a conference call in April after the close of nominations. We were happy to recommend that Barbara Friedrich receive the Award and Mary Ann conveyed the recommendation to Cathy Hardy, NOCALL President. Barbara will be honored at the NOCALL Annual Meeting on May 18, 2000 with a plaque and a personal gift.

Mary Ann Parker, Chair



## CONSULTING COMMITTEE

The Consulting Committee participated in two consultations this past year.

June, 1999: Small law firm needed help with suggestions for collection management, accounts payable procedures, serials check-in, retention, routing, space issues finding a filing service and storing or disposing of firm alumni materials. A detailed analysis was prepared that provided suggestions and referrals.

July, 1999: Law firm requested assistance with the preparation of a job description for a newly created librarian position. A summary was provided that included information on drafting a job description, salary guidelines, sample job descriptions and advertising venues.

The Consulting Committee also received one telephone inquiry from a law firm library in the process of moving its collection. Informal discussion on the process and things to consider.

Teresa Ewing, Chair



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Education Chair of NOCALL, I would like to thank my committee member, Debi Mazor, who has supported me for the past three years and for the numerous members who have helped me put programs together. There were three programs presented this year:

Fall Workshop: *"Life would be Easy if it weren't for Other People"* The program was presented to us by Sandra Yancy and attracted approximately 60 members. The program was about understanding different personalities and how to interact with different people within one's organization. The program was so successful that Sandra Yancy has been invited to present at the AALL Annual Conference, 2000.

*"Customer Service: Beyond, how may I help you?"*: A brown bag luncheon was held at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliff to show the video satellite of this program to those members unable to attend the live presentation. Attendance: 40 A repeat of this program is scheduled for the South Bay on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

*"Bits & Bites"*: An AALL video satellite was presented live at the 4 Alameda County Law Library. It was well received and I would like to thank Greg Fife for organizing this event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and to announce that I will be stepping down from this position after three happy years.

Jenny Kanji, Chair



# NOCALL Committee Reports

## GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Grants Committee awarded the following grants this fiscal year. Our total expenditures were \$3,305.00.

**Harry Jacobs** SIMS Student UC Berkeley,  
NOCALL Spring Institute March 2000  
**Tina Dumas** Lillick & Charles LLP, San Francisco,  
\$695.00, SLA Annual Conference, June 2000  
**Nancy Adams**, Navigant Consulting, Inc., Emeryville,  
SLA Annual Conference, \$695.00, June 2000  
**Ruth Nunez-Schaldach**, Sacramento County Law Lib.  
AALL Annual Meeting, \$915.00, July 2000  
**Anne Dana**, Fenwick & West, LLP, Palo Alto,  
AALL Annual Meeting, \$1000.00, July 2000  
Lille Koski, Chair



## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Placement Committee is a committee of two: Joan Loftus and myself, Mary Staats. Joan posts the positions on our web page and adds changes to the procedures on the web page when necessary. We both collect job postings, schmooze with prospective employers, explore other places to post positions and post all job listings to the NOCALL listserv, as well as SCALL and law-lib when it is requested.

Since the midyear report, I have posted 36 positions on the NOCALL listserv, 25 professional positions and 11 paraprofessional. For the year, this makes a total of 89 positions posted, 58 professional and 31 paraprofessional. I regret that I cannot report how many of these positions were filled nor can I tell you how many were filled by job seekers who had heard about the position through NOCALL.. However, I do know for a fact that we did bring together some applicants and prospective employers who turned out to be a great match. Sometimes meddling in people's lives is a good thing.

The committee continues to send job postings to City College of San Francisco and Diablo Valley College. I am still working to establish contact with someone at Foothill College. I believe that strengthening relations with these colleges, which all offer Library Tech programs, will help ameliorate the rather abysmal job situation we have. Too many jobs are going unfilled. Few people are even sending resumes for the positions we post.

Many thanks to the incomparable Joan Loftus, whose talents, skills and great attitude about everything has carried us through another year.

Mary Staats, Chair



## PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEES

1. The Public Access to Legal Information Committee, the Public Relations Committee & the California Council of County Law Libraries' co-sponsored a workshop titled "Legal Research: The Internet Challenge: in November 1999 at the California Library Association's annual meeting.

2. The Public Access Committee & the Public Relation Committee is presently working on a collaborative effort with the Sacramento County Bar Association to provide a more coordinated program for new lawyers in conjunction with the Bar's Voluntary Legal Services Program. (see attachment). This is more than a "Bridging the Gap" type of program. This is where librarians participate in VLSP's trainings and workshops.

3. The Public Relations Committee continues to gather and submit articles on a monthly basis to the San Francisco Daily Journal.

4. The Public Relations Committee is gathering materials to be included in the AALL Time Capsule which will be opened in 25 years. Each Chapter has been invited to participate. This is a box that is 5' X 17 1/4" X 11". Suggestions as to what we can put in are:

- Chapters Newsletters, especially any that were published in December 1999 or January 2000 (millennium issues) -- or Newsletters that cover every 5 years or every couple of years or those that go back to the beginnings of the Chapter
- Photos from meetings or gatherings (with names of those in the photos so those looking at these things in 25 years won't wonder who these "old" people are)
- Chapter Procedural Handbooks (will the future Chapter still be doing things the same way??)
- Meeting Program Brochures, Business Meeting Agendas, Membership Directories, Chapter By-laws, Presidents' Messages from the past decade, past 5 years, past 3 or 4 years, etc.
- 10, 15, 20 Year Anniversary Program/ Meeting artifacts

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- Letters to our future colleagues describing life in our libraries now and what we envision in 25 years

All the items in the time capsule/box will become a permanent part of AALL Archives.

5. At this year's AALL convention we will again sell NOCALL Tee shirts in the AALL store.

6. At the convention we will also have a table in the Chapter area of the exhibit hall. Leslie Forrest is in charge of setting the table up and Donna Purvis has the display. This year's promotion is I-Zone photos with the NOCALL name and logo. We always need volunteers to staff the table so watch for Leslie's request on the listserv.

Coral Henning, Chair



## SPRING INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

The NOCALL Spring Institute 2000 "A Lot Can Happen In 20 Years" A 20th Anniversary Celebration, held on March 17-18 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel International in San Francisco was a success. We had over 120 attendees, 27 exhibitors & made over \$3,000.

We started the program with California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George and ended with Insights from Bob Berring. There were 7 interesting sessions with excellent speakers in all categories. We were also fortunate to have AALL President Margaret Axtman as our Keynote speaker at Saturday's lunch.

The 20th Anniversary celebration at the California Culinary Academy, featuring the ChazzCats, was wonderful. We had over 180 people attending this gala event. Lauri Flynn did a great presentation on the history of NOCALL. A 20th Anniversary booklet was available for everyone and a display table was set up with NOCALL items over the years.

The committee worked very hard to pull off this year's Institute. I'd like to thank all the committee members for their work: Prano Amjadi, Marilyn Dreyer, Barbara Friedrich, Jacqueline Grossman, Mark Mackler, Ellen Platt and Donna Purvis. I'd also like to thank Lauri Flynn for the 20th Anniversary presentation and Jenny Wu and Jo Caporaso for their work on the 20th Anniversary booklet. Finally, I'd like to thank all the other volunteers that helped at the registration table.

Donna S. Williams, Chair 

## ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Academic Relations Committee works with the graduate programs at San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science and the UC Berkeley School of Information Management and Systems (SIMS) to promote education and careers in law librarianship.

I wish to thank Linda Weir for taking over the responsibilities of Committee Chair for the first half of the year while I was out on maternity leave.

In October the Committee cosponsored a career fair and reception for students at the UC Berkeley SIMS program. Linda reported that it went well and the reception was very nice. The Committee coordinated a meeting with Hal Varian, Dean of the SIMMs program, for visiting AALL President, Margie Axtmann in March. The Committee usually cosponsors a career fair and reception at San Jose State University in the spring, but this year the alumni association requested that we participate in the fall 2000 career fair.

The Academic Relations Committee forwards NOCALL job postings to the listservs at both schools on an ongoing basis.

Diane Rodriguez, Chair

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The Executive Boards asked the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to poll the membership regarding their views on contested v. uncontested elections. The committee was also asked to determine how other chapters do their voting.

Questions were posted to the NOCALL list and to the Chapter Presidents' list. There was also a mail in ballot included in the NOCALL News.

The report was submitted to NOCALL president Cathy Hardy, to be discussed at the May Business meeting. [A summary is located on P2 of this issue of the NOCALL NEWS]

Prano Amjadi, Chair





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## Professional Reading in Review

By Jaye A. H. Lapachet  
McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P.

"*A Sorry State of Affairs*," Deborah Tannen, guest editor, **Civilization**, April/May 1999, pg. 61-70.

Civilization is the magazine of the members of the Library of Congress. I toss it in my exercise bag with my weights and mat and the issues often languish there for months. I like this article and think it is useful for those of us who deal with 'interesting' personalities. Writers of this series of articles discuss the "rituals of verbal remediation." The articles talk all about apologies and what status and meaning apologies have in our culture based on status, gender and relationship to the other person. Interwoven with the discussion of apologies are thoughts of guilt: if you don't kiss your spouse/lover/child, do you have to apologize later? There is also a discussion of some of the public apologies by governments that have taken place recently, such as Australia's National Sorry Day and a discussion of saying sorry as a diplomatic tool.

"*...And I-Don't-Know's On Third: The Commoditization Of Confusion Reigns In The Online Information Industry*," Barbara Quint, Quint's Online column, **Information Today**, April 2000, v.17, no. 4, pg. 8, 10, 12. Once again Quint has brought another problem to the forefront. This article is about finding the most cost-effective news story for clients and how publishers are slicing and dicing their products in different ways for different outlets (print, Web, CD-ROM, etc.). Information professionals cannot get a handle on where the best deals lie because there is constant change. It makes it harder for us to get the right information at the right price to our clients and makes it harder to define what we do, which is at the crux of the

problem. She only briefly mentions that people are throwing up their hands in disgust and rushing to the Web for some suitable substitute. Quint recommends two directories: Full-text Sources Online and Net.Journal Directory, to help in the fight, but offers no solutions except for waiting.

"*Can't Get No Satisfaction: Library Pay in the 21st Century*," James LaRue, **American Libraries**, March 2000, pg. 36-38.

If you are making more than \$54,886, then you should be laughing right now, because that is what an average assistant, associate or deputy public library director makes. Of course, you aren't, because if you don't have a house, you still can't buy one and you still do more work than you are being paid for. This article marks a new beginning. Finally, salary is beginning to creep into library literature. It is probably too late, because Schools of Information are churning out knowledge managers and not librarians. The author talks about the good (you probably will be able to find a new job) as well as the bad (you'll be badly paid) and the probable reasons why we are paid the way we are. This article is part of a series of articles ostensibly on bread-and-butter issues for librarians.

"*Digital libraries: Potentials and Risks*," George Lupone, **Library Hi Tech News**, No.1, 2000, pg. 30.

This is a short "information flash" about a digital library. It is almost not worth reading except that they mention that they collect the intellectual capital of the faculty and students, then store it, organize it, deliver it, manage it and finally combine it with traditional library resources! This is revolutionary. This is definitely using the Internet to do work differently rather than automating existing processes. The author also reminds us to think about maintenance capital when launching a product like this, because otherwise it will die.

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**"Do Librarians Treat Books as Second Class Citizens?"** Steven Cox, **American Libraries** March 2000, pg. 54-55.

It is always dangerous to read a journal targeted at a different group. In this case, AL is targeted at public and academic non-law librarians. In this article, Cox is decrying the use of name stamps, call labels, barcodes and other identifying information, and also attacking librarians that prefer online information to books. I can see his point from a bibliophile's point of view, but from a library's point of view, he is missing the mark. As a librarian, we have to be concerned with making the information available to everyone who wants it. In most cases we won't know that Book X will become a collector's item someday. In the case of law libraries, some electronic subscriptions are a lot easier to manage than paper copies. This article won't be pertinent to your law library life at the moment, but this entire issue brings up a lot of interesting things to think about.

**"The Eroded Self,"** Jeffrey Rosen, **The New York Times Magazine**, April 30, 2000, pg. 47-53, 66-67, 129.

This is an article about privacy, which seems to be in the news a lot lately. The seminal comment in this article is: "There are many fearful consequences to the loss of privacy, but none perhaps more disquieting than this: privacy protects us from being misdefined and judged out of context. This protection is especially important in a world of short attention spans, a world where information can easily be confused with knowledge." One thing that we need to think about is the context within which information is

placed, regardless of whether or not it is information about a person or a subject. When we gather information for our attorneys, are we giving them an incomplete picture? Is there some way we can be sure to give them a complete picture? Are there ways to check or do we need to create new ways of putting information in context? Information and knowledge are our realm. What do we have to say about this?

**"Here's the Content-Where's the Context?"** Walt Crawford, **American Libraries**, March 2000, pg. 50-52.

The comments in this piece can be viewed in two ways: 1) we, as information profession-

als, are really screwing up when we give our clients articles by not checking to see whether the article was part of a group of articles and by not telling the client how the article was arranged in the journal from which it came; or 2) Lexis, Westlaw and other online vendors need to start including more pictures, charts and graphs as well as making notes as to which articles are part of a series. This article

"... The answer is 'expert sites' with the expert human element being the defining factor (does this scream library at you?). Many of these sites expect to start charging for information in the future. . . have we missed the boat? We need to pay attention to these sites and adopt the model, then make it better. . ."

talks about the context of the text based on elements other than the actual text such as pictures, charts and graphs, comments, sidebars, and relevant, neighboring articles. Frankly, I never thought about what I was missing by not looking into whether the perfect article I found was part of a series. While I think that this has to enter into our radar, I think that this a good opportunity for Lexis

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or Westlaw to enhance their news files by adding value.

**"Literature, Libertines And Lenin's Wife: Famous People And Libraries: Looking At Famous People As Librarians,"** Stephen Parnell, [www.library.unisa.edu.au/papers/famouslb.htm](http://www.library.unisa.edu.au/papers/famouslb.htm).

A discussion about the information about librarianship on the Oxygen.com Website prompted me to look up this article on famous librarians. While very short, it does give a good overview of who worked as a librarian. If it has been too long since you picked up a book or article about Library History, then this is a good way to start.

**"A Prescription for Intelligence,"** Eileen P. Gunn, **Upside**, March 2000, pg. 120, 122-4. Skila is a library research company whether they want to admit it or not. They do research to help executives make the decisions they need to run their companies. Some of the sources they search are the same ones to which we have access. They also do original research when necessary. Their strategic advantage is a "well-packaged information and delivery system full of bells and whistles." This is another article that should make us stand up and take notice. If we don't do things to make ourselves visible within our companies, then someone else will do it. The easiest thing that you can do is to go chat up your managing partner's secretary in order to find out what he is working on. After you have a few leads, do a search for articles during the last week and send him/her some articles that may be of interest. Then keep your eyes open for other articles that might help him/her. Basically, make your managing partner your customer. If your managing partner is already a loyal follower, then pick another mover and shaker.

**"In Revamped Library Schools, Information Trumps Books : Institutions' New Curricula And New Names Reflect Student Interests**

**And The Job Market," The Chronicle Of Higher Education**, <http://chronicle.com/free/v46/i31/31a04301.htm>, April 7, 2000.

A kinder view of the new breed of "library schools." Interesting takes on what the future holds for these schools; some kinder views of librarians.

**"Scenario Planning In Information Services: Preparing Your Memory For The Future,"** Lucy S. Wegner, **Library Hi Tech News**, No.1, 2000, pg. 26-27.

This article gives a brief overview of a seminar on scenario planning. Scenario planning is a technique where the organization examines a variety of possible events and impacts. The process looks at the worst case as well as the best case. While there is not enough information in the article to allow you to go out and do scenario planning, hopefully this reference will spur you to read other articles or the book, *The Art of the Long View* by Peter Schwartz and fold this technique into your management bag of tricks.

**"Suddenly, Everybody's An Expert On Everything: Sites Turn Questions And Answers Into A Free-For-All, But Sometimes The Facts Get Trampled,"** **New York Times**, Web version, February 3, 2000.

Librarians were actually asked to give an opinion on this article about the rise of 'expert sites' and the information that they provide. While scary that users don't know the credentials of the people of whom they are asking questions, these 'experts' are creating content on the Web. It seems to me that someone will eventually call real experts in to check up on these 'site experts'. Hopefully, the 'site experts' are thinking about this now and are creating verifiable, accurate content. Questions to newsgroups and listservs which sometimes work and sometimes don't have produced a desire for particular sites where questions can be answered. The answer is 'expert sites' with the expert human element being the defining factor (does this scream library at you?) Many

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### New NOCALL Members

Listed below are members who have joined NOCALL since the *1999-2000 NOCALL Directory* came out, as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections, changes or additions to the *Directory* should be sent to me via email or snail mail at:

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*Carolyn Applegate* of Folger, Levin & Kahn in San Francisco has married and is now **Carolyn Lundin**.

*Nancy Rilett's* correct email address is: [nrilett@hotmail.com](mailto:nrilett@hotmail.com).

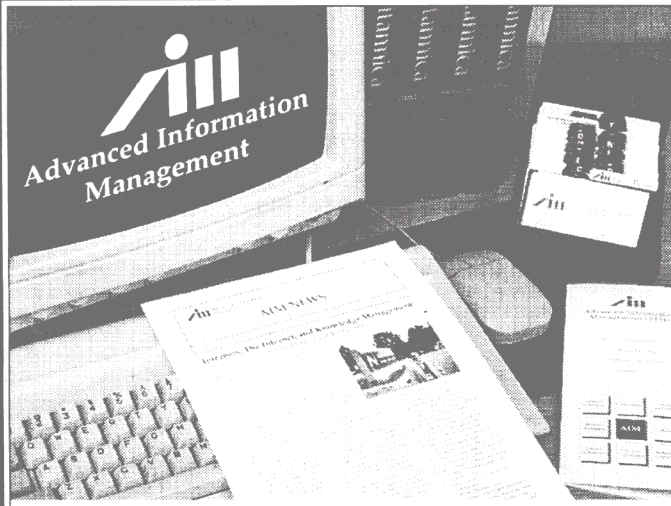
*Jenny Wu* has left Curiale Dellaverson in San Francisco and the world of law librarianship to become a children's librarian for the Contra Costa Public Library. Best wishes can be sent to her at her home email: [jennywu@home.com](mailto:jennywu@home.com).



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of these sites expect to start charging for information in the future. Librarians aren't completely out of the loop in this area. The Internet Public Library was started a long time ago and is still active. Despite the IPL, have we missed the boat? We need to pay attention to these sites and adopt the model, then make it better. This is one of the ways that we can use the Internet and intranets differently rather than to just automate existing 'information products.'

A group of reviews on the various 'expert sites' can be found on Traffick.com at [www.traffick.com/story.asp?StoryID=68](http://www.traffick.com/story.asp?StoryID=68).

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## NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Friday, January 28, 2000

The meeting was held at the Marine's Memorial Club, San Francisco. Present: Cathy Hardy, Donna Williams, Jane Metz, Mary Ann Parker, Nancy Adams, David Bridgman, and Lauri Flynn. **President Cathy Hardy called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM**

### 1. Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 1999 Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

### 2. Old Business

Cathy contacted Bev Lipton regarding the NOCALL donation towards the breast cancer walk. Although Bev was unable to walk in the fund-raiser, Cathy reiterated the association's interest in making a donation.

### 3. New Business

- **Treasurer's Report (Nancy):** The treasury balance is \$36,470.18, including two \$5000 CDs. The newsletter has started making a profit through advertising revenues. Union list sales have covered production costs and made a small profit. Costs and revenues of the Spring Institute are undetermined at this time since registration materials were just recently mailed. Overall, the association is in good financial shape
- **Report on Spring Institute (Donna):** The brochure and registration materials were mailed out last week. Sponsors have been found for almost every event, meaning that most expenses have already been underwritten. BNA is sponsoring an open bar at the Culinary Academy reception.
- **Grants Committee (Cathy):** The sudden and unexpected death of John Moore left the Grants Committee without a chair. Lille Koski and Leslie Campbell volunteered to take over the Grants Committee. Andy Eisenberg volunteered to assist them.

### 4. Liaison Reports

- **Placement (Cathy):** Mary Staats reports that the committee has posted 53 positions on the listserv and website since September. The committee is also establishing relations with the library technician programs at the various local Junior Colleges to better advertise paraprofessional positions.
- **Academic Relations (Jane):** Diane Rodrigues has returned from maternity leave and wants to thank Linda Weir for her assistance. Linda represented NOCALL at a joint NOCALL-SLA recep-

tion at SIMS in October. Diane made arrangements for AALL President Margaret Axtman to visit SIMS during her Spring Institute visit. Diane is currently working on a career fair for San Jose State in the spring.

- **Membership (Nancy):** The membership directory is being proofread, and should be mailed out soon.

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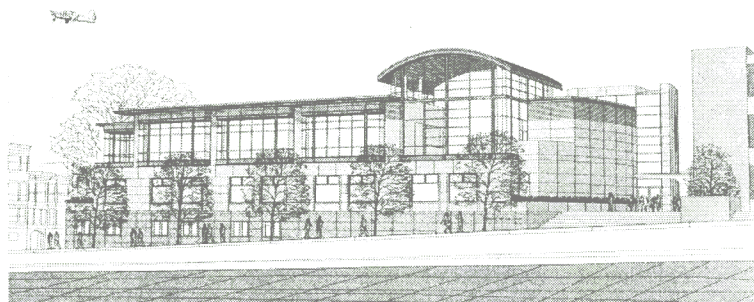
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## Coming Soon: The Dorraine Zief Law Library!

The USF Law Library will close its doors on May 21, 2000, in order to prepare for the move to its wonderful new building, the Dorraine Zief Law Library. The library will remain closed throughout the summer. Access to the collection as well as reference, circulation and interlibrary loan services will not be available during the closure.



The Dorraine Zief Law Library's doors will open August 14, 2000. Circulation, reference and ILL

services will be available after August 21st.

The mailing address and phone numbers will remain the same (2130 Fulton Street, SF, 94117-1080; (415) 422-6678) but there will be a new delivery address: 2101 Fulton Street, SF, 94117-1080

For more information about the Zief Library go to our Website tracking the construc-

tion: [www.usfca.edu/law\\_library/zief/index.html](http://www.usfca.edu/law_library/zief/index.html)

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## NOCALL Calendar of Events 2000

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### June 10th-15th, Saturday-Thursday

- SLA 91st Annual Conference, "Independence to Interdependence: The Next Phase in the Information Revolution," Philadelphia, PA

JULY

### June 19th-20th, Monday-Tuesday

- IT Survival Skills for Library Administrators, InfoPeople Workshop, Claremont Resort & Spa, Berkeley.

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### July 15th-20th, Saturday-Thursday

- AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

### August 6th-12th, Sunday-Saturday

- First Annual Stanford-California State Library Institute on 21st Century Librarianship.

For more information about upcoming events,  
visit NOCALL's Website:  
[www.nocall.org](http://www.nocall.org)