President's Message

by Donna Williams
NOCALL President

Holiday wishes and hoping everyone has a wonderful New Year!

Our committees have been very busy this year: the Education Committee put on a fantastic program "New Choices: Legal Research Tools for Today & Tomorrow" at Stanford in October. The Government Relations Committee is busy with the UCITA Teleconference on December 13 and the pre-conference Spring Institute workshop. The Nominations committee is contacting members to run for the Board. The Academic Relations committee co-hosted a reception with SLA at SIMS. The Web committee is continuously updating our Web page. The Membership committee set up and is monitoring the special one-way NOCALL list and is working on the NOCALL Directory. The Newsletter Committee is always working on a new edition and is asking for your feedback on a Web-based NOCALL News. The AALL Liaison is working on filling the two VIP spots for attendance to the AALL Annual Meeting. The Grants Committee is working with the AALL Liaison in filling those slots as well as giving out grants for the Spring Institute. The Spring Institute Committee is planning a fabulous program & special event for March 16 & 17 in Sacramento.

Whew! That's a lot of volunteerism... and that's just the tip of the iceberg! Thanks to all members who put so much into NOCALL. I know that I haven't mentioned everyone but I know that all members appreciate the commitment you have!

Have you heard about the crisis at the San Francisco Law Library? Check out the October / November issue of the San Francisco Attorney. The library needs our help. As I write this column, Paula Lichtenberg is working on a letter for the Board to send to Mayor

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Brown about the need for the Law Library. It would be a big help if all members in San Francisco could send a letter the Mayor's way in support of the Law Library. Paula will be sending out a message about the important issues to address in your letter. Please contact Marcia Bell for more information at 415-554-6821.

On November 11, I had the chance to represent NOCALL and attend the California Millennium Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center, sponsored by the California Library Association. Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian, opened the Conference with an enlightening history of libraries in California. Later that day, John Perry Barlow spoke of the Net-Induced Social Revolution. And finally, Futurist Watts Wacker spoke on how to be our own futurist. In addition to the fantastic programs, there were well over 100 exhibitors. I was amazed at how many OTHER library associations there are in California! This was my first time at this type of conference and it was interesting to see and hear from public, school and other librarians. I thoroughly enjoyed attending.

In closing, I want to make a bid to you, to think of who you want to see as NOCALL's VIP for the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Shirley & Lille need your input! Remember..."Every vote counts."

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AALL President to be Spring Institute Keynote Speaker!

By Sue Welsh
McGeorge School of Law

President Robert Oakley will be in Sacramento next March to attend the Pre-Institute Workshop on Legislative Advocacy and will be the Keynote Speaker to kick off the Spring Institute: 2001: A Capitol Odyssey. Mr. Oakley is Director of the Law Library at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, and was the Washington Affairs Representative for AALL before assuming the AALL presidency. The Washington Affairs Office monitors legislative, judicial and regulatory activities, and represents the views of AALL in accordance with its Government Relations Policy. Mr. Oakley will relate some of the initiatives of interest to the law library community which he has spearheaded as the Washington Affairs Representative, and will bring news about current activities of the national organization. It is an honor for our chapter to welcome Mr. Oakley to NOCALL and to California.

Registration packets for the Institute will be sent in January, and information will be continually updated on the NOCALL web site.

Mark your calendars for:

Pre-Institute Legislative Advocacy Workshop
Sponsored by NOCALL Government Relations Committee
March 15, 2001

&

NOCALL Spring Institute
2001: A Capitol Odyssey
March 16-17, 2001
Sacramento Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza
It will be an educational and fun-filled two days!
Musings From Mark

by Mark Mackler
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

RELATIONSHIPS R US...If you haven’t already done so, check out “Relationships R Us: Climbing Up the Value Chain.” This short article, appearing in the November 2000 edition of the SLA’s Information Outlook, gave me a lot to think about. The basic premise is that the relationships we develop within our employing organizations make our marketing efforts unnecessary. “Said another way, marketing is something that happens automatically while we engage in the exchanges necessary to build and maintain good relationships all around us.”

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...Back in 1930, radio was still developing in the United States. William Randolph Hearst could not get his newspaper executives to react quickly enough to the threat. According to David Nasaw’s new biography The Chief, Hearst told his people: Our publishers themselves may not be interested in radio but certainly their children are, and the publisher should learn from his children what an important part radio plays in the life of the nation today. It is an effort to read a newspaper; it is no effort to listen to a radio.”

DESIGN/BUILD BUSINESS MAGAZINE...recently highlighted Thelen’s new portal Website called ConstructionWeblinks.com.” According to the editor: this site is great for the beginning Internet user. It has an excellent introduction to the Internet written by the law firm’s associate librarian, Todd Bennett. It’s nice to tap the resources of a law library—free, no less...The site, while not graphically flashy, is easy to navigate and explore and definitely worth a visit.” The site includes building codes, specs and product information, licensing and professional registration requirements, e-commerce for the industry, and legal and financial bulletins. But wait! There’s more! Two additional NOCALL members helped build the site: Leslie Hesdorfer and Debra Martin. It’s always nice when publications that are directed to other professionals highlight the work we do.

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NOCALL ANNOUNCES 2001 AALL ANNUAL MEETING VIP GRANTS PROGRAM

Shirley H. David, Director  
Sacramento County Law Library  
AALL Liaison

The NOCALL Grants Committee will soon be accepting nominations to send two VIPs (valuable invited participants) to the 2001 AALL annual meeting in Minneapolis. The VIPs will receive free full registration including opening luncheon and closing banquet and a $1,500 travel allotment. AALL is providing the free registration and NOCALL is sponsoring the travel allotment.

The VIP program allows NOCALL and our individual members to establish new relationships or augment existing connections with our legal, governmental and information community. Potential VIP candidates are:

- President of local bar associations, the state bar association or the chair of the bar's technology committee
- Chief administrators for state trial or appellate courts or the federal courts
- President of the local, state or regional chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators
- Deans or faculty members from the library schools
- Dean or faculty members from local law schools
- Judges of any of the courts in the region
- Members of local county law library boards of trustees
- Law firm library committee partner or firm administrator
- Individual who has responsibility for local or state government Website development
- Editor or reporter for a legal newspaper
- A state representative, senator, or other official who has been active in library or technology issues

EXPECTATIONS OF VIP'S

- Attend the AALL meeting July 14-19, 2001 in Minneapolis
- Attend the California joint chapters reception at the annual meeting
- Share experiences of conference with NOCALL in some way, e.g. write an account for the NOCALL Newsletter or speak at NOCALL meeting or program

DUTIES OF NOMINATOR

- Host VIP during AALL annual meeting (doesn't mean you have to be joined at the hip during the meeting)
- Facilitate registration and travel arrangements
- Review program and activities with VIP
- Facilitate follow-up activities

To quote a member of my own board of trustees who has attended AALL annual meetings, "This is one of the best planned, and best presented meetings I have ever attended and law librarians really know how to have a good time. I have a better understanding of what it takes to operate a law library."

I encourage NOCALL members to start identifying potential VIPs and ask them to consider being nominated for one of two NOCALL VIP grants.
New Reference Staff at the SFLL

We are pleased to announce that three new reference librarians have joined the SFLL staff:

COLIN HUTTON -- Before coming to the SFLL Colin was a reference and interlibrary loan librarian at the firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. He is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and received his MLIS from San Jose State Univ. Colin’s interests include music, film, art and while at work, the law, particularly legal history.

RUTH GOLDSTEIN -- Ruth (J.D. Golden Gate University School of Law; BA New College of Hofstra University) brings her experience as a legal researcher and writer to the SFLL staff. For the last ten years she has been analyzing legal issues and writing briefs for the firm of Smith & Burstein. She has also been a long-time patron of the library, going back to City Hall days. Ruth is also a visual artist. In addition to her studio work, she teaches art subjects at City College of San Francisco, Continuing Education and serves on the Board of a San Francisco non-profit arts organization.

GERALD CLARK -- Gerry comes to us from the Robert Crown Law Library at Stanford, where he worked in acquisitions, government documents, and the bindery. He also has been a volunteer at the reference desk at the Gleeson Library at the University of San Francisco. Previous to Stanford, Gerry served for many years as the regional archeologist and historic preservation officer for the USDA-Forest Service in Alaska. Gerry has a BA in foreign languages and both an MA and PhD in anthropology from the University of Oregon; he received his MLIS from San Jose State Univ. His interests include archaeology, foreign languages, land use, historic preservation, history and earth sciences.

With Colin, Ruth and Gerry joining long-time reference librarians Richard Schulke and Maurice Trad, the San Francisco Law Library has an outstanding reference team.

NOCALL One-Way List

by Donna Williams
NOCALL President

I'm happy to announce this new list as one of the benefits of NOCALL membership. This is a one way list that will allow the Executive Board and all Committee Chairs to post messages letting you know the latest developments that NOCALL has planned. It will be used for official NOCALL business only, meaning, to announce committee news, any special events that are planned, reminders of meetings or due dates, etc.

Many thanks to Marlene Harmon, Membership Chair, in working with AALL and setting the list up! Three Cheers for Marlene!!!

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Professional Reading in Review

by Jaye A. H. Lapachet


If you want a great portal, then business.com is the place for you, even for legal materials. This article discusses two portals, business.com and work.com and it really turned me on to a great resource. The legal links on business.com are phenomenal and include materials such as state ethics opinions that are not on Lexis or Westlaw. Work.com doesn't have as clean an opening screen, which turns me off, but both resources are great additions to your content arsenal.

"Choosing a Great Domain Name," Information Outlook, v.4, n.11, November 2000.

This is an article that nicely goes through the whole domain name process and gives you a little extra with the information about choosing a domain name. The added bonus is that it highlights some of the problems that may occur for law firm clients who are having domain name problems, which will set the librarian on the right track in doing the research.

"Does Deep Linking Infringe Copyright?," Copyright Corner, Information Outlook, v.4, n.9, September 2000.

If you want to learn about some of the issues surrounding copyright on the Internet, then this is a good article. Not only does it explain the intellectual property issues surrounding deep linking, but it also explains deep linking.


This is a good article to pass on to your Web design team. It tells them to slow down on the graphics, hot, newest, latest and greatest features and it gives them good reasons for doing so.


Do you ever read something that makes your entire career flash before your eyes? Well, this article is one of those articles, not because of what it says, but because of the way it is written. Most attorneys will have only read the first page and if they do, they will get a skewed idea of the costs of starting up a virtual library, because the author is only quoting small firms. We all know that once you get more than a few users, the licensing costs shoot up astronomically.

Additionally, the article didn't mention troubleshooting compatibility and other problems.

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or the costs of IS time for maintenance and updating. My beating heart was somewhat stilled by quotes from Cooley's Virginia librarian and Mark Estes of Holme Roberts and Owen. Unfortunately, those quotes ended up on the last page of the article and I suspect that many didn't read that far along. Of course, we have to change with the times, which I think we all have been doing, but we also have to get the best materials for the job and anyone who has tried to page through more than a few sections of a treatise online knows that sometimes it is a book that is best.

"New Network Links Libraries Online,"

The new Comprehensive Digital Reference Service (CDRS) has debuted in beta form and may make the Library of California look like too little too late. CDRS is designed to eliminate the geographical boundaries that constrain libraries and make the knowledge the key factor. CDRS will do this by taking reference requests at any (participating?) library and then redirecting the request to a library with special expertise in the area or to a library that happens to be open at the time the request is asked. The global nature of the project may mean the end of library hours. The organizers also think this is a good opportunity to expand beyond print by e-mailing images of rare materials or sound files for music and recordings.

Other info of interest:

Factiva has a portal for Information Professionals. Check it out at: http://www.factiva.com/infopro/


NOCALL January Business Meeting

January 26, 2001
Marine's Memorial
11:30-12 noon No-host Bar

12-2 Luncheon / Business Meeting with Special Speakers:
Cosette Sun, AALL Executive Board Member;
Howard Mintz, San Jose Mercury News Reporter.

Thanks to West Group for sponsoring the Luncheon.

Mailing will go out in January.
AALL Research Fund
Grants

The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications through March 2, 2001 for grants from the AALL Research Fund established by LEXIS NEXIS in July 2000. One or more grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded in 2001 to library professionals wishing to conduct research having a bearing on law librarianship and the profession.

The grant application and guidelines are available at http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp

The Research Committee revised the Association's Research Agenda, which serves as a list of suggestions for possible research projects. Though by no means comprehensive, the Agenda's suggestions address the major topic areas of the Profession of Law Librarianship, Law Library Patrons, Law Library Services, Legal Research and Bibliography, Legal Information Resources, and Law Library Facilities. (For a copy of the Research Committee's complete Research Agenda, see http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp

The grants will fund one or more projects of practical value to a large segment of those professions that create, disseminate or use legal and law-related information. The monetary grants may be used to assist in small or large research projects; all applications will be considered.

Applicants must demonstrate experience with research projects and understanding of the dissemination and use of legal and law-related information. Priority will be given to practicing law librarians and AALL members, working individually or in partnership with other information professionals. Applicants must provide a resume and a statement of their qualifications for carrying out this project.

The submission deadline for this application period is March 2, 2001. Grants will be awarded and announced by April 9, 2001. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee. The committee members are:

Kevin L. Butterfield (Chair), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Barbara A. Bintliff (Executive Board Liaison), University of Colorado

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LEXIS NEXIS's support for AALL and its members isn't limited to scholarships or these research funds. They also sponsor eight AALL Resource Guides for law firm libraries, the AALL Toolkit on the Value of Law Libraries, and numerous events at each Annual Meeting.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS
New & Continuing NOCALL Members

Listed below are the names of members who have joined NOCALL since the publication of the last newsletter as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections, changes or additions to the NOCALL Directory should be sent to me via snail mail or email at:

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NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 15, 2000

The meeting was held via teleconference.
Present: Donna Williams, Sue Welsh, Cathy Hardy, Debi Mazor, Jane Metz, and Janice Kelly.
Absent: Faye Jones.

President Donna Williams called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2000 Meeting
The minutes were approved as read.

2. Old Business
- September 9, 2000 Planning Meeting (Donna): Donna has asked committee chairs to RSVP by August 25th.
- AALL Activities (Donna): Donna reported that the photo stickers at the activity table were a big hit. The time capsule ceremony and joint reception were well-attended. Donna thanked Cathy for her work on the joint reception.

3. Treasurer’s Report & Budget (Debi)
- The current balance of the treasury is $32,534.41. Debi also pointed out that there may be a duplicate $200 income item in the current report. She will investigate and send out an amended treasurer’s report if necessary.
- The Audit & Budget committee’s proposed budget reflects proposed expenses, but does not project income. The board approved the proposed budget.

4. Committee Reports
- AALL Liaison (Donna): Shirley expressed her gratitude at the proposed budget.
- Constitution & Bylaws (Donna): Prano will provide a copy of the Constitution & Bylaws to Leslie Forrester for the NO-

CALL webpages. The board discussed whether the Constitution and Bylaws need to be changed to reflect AALL’s new membership categories. Donna will ask Prano to check with AALL to see if we need to be in alignment with their by-laws.

- Technology (Donna): Nancy Hoebelheinrich is changing jobs and will no longer be an active member. She has a report to present at the September 9th planning meeting.
- Education (Sue): The education committee has planned a workshop for October 26th at Stanford. The tentative topic is “Online Legal Research Tools: New Kids on the Block.” Speakers will include FindLaw, LoisLaw, the docketing services, and a panel of librarians. Kathleen Vanden Heuvel will speak at a buffet luncheon. The committee is also thinking about setting up library tours.
- Spring Institute (Sue): The Spring Institute is tentatively set for March 16 – 17, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Capital Plaza in Sacramento. Sue’s committee members are Maggie Kauffman, Pete Egler, Carolina Rose, Evie Posamentier, Michael Daw, Maryanne Gerber, and Lille Koski.
- Academic Relations (Jane): Jenny Kanji is investigating expanding the committee’s activities beyond SIMS and SJSU to the local Junior Colleges.
- Membership (Debi): Marlene reports that approximately 350 members have renewed. During the AALL conference, Donna learned that AALL now offers assistance to the chapters with membership responsibilities like mailing labels and directories. Donna will contact Marlene to get her input on outsourcing those areas to AALL.
- Web (Janice): Leslie Forrester and her committee have finished the web redesign. Janice will contact Leslie Forrester

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and Leslie Campbell to see if they learned anything at the AALL conference regarding moving the newsletter to a web format.

5. New Business

- **AALL Chapter Visit (Donna):** NOCALL is in line for another presidential visit from AALL. Donna requested that either Bob Oakley or Barbara Bintliff visit during the Spring Institute.

- **September Board and Business Meetings (Donna):** The tentative date is Wednesday, September 27 at either UC Berkeley or the Alameda County Law Library.

- **Thank you letter (Donna):** The chapter received a thank you letter from Dr. Kevin Starr for NOCALL’s get well wishes following his bypass surgery.

- **Internet Librarian (Donna):** Janet Fischer will coordinate NOCALL group registrations for the Internet Librarian conference in Monterey in November.

6. Adjournment (Donna)

Donna adjourned the meeting at 3:05.
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- **Technology Committee** - After much discussion, the Board voted on and approved to disband the Technology committee and make the Web Committee, which has been an ad hoc committee, a full standing committee. *(Resolution 00-02)*

- **Spring Institute** - Sue Welsh reported on the planning for the Institute. The final program will be set after the November elections.

5. **Committee Reports**

- **Public Access (Janice)** - Coral Henning reported that she did a two-hour workshop for legal secretaries in Sacramento. It was a very positive & educational event.

- **Education (Sue)** - Erika Wayne has mailed the flyers for the October 26 Fall Workshop at Stanford University.

6. **New Business**

- **January Business Meeting Speaker (Donna)** - Names of potential speakers were discussed.

- **Government Relations Committee**
  **UCITA Conference** - The Board voted on and approved $350.00 for one downlink site for this program.

- **Hospitality Committee (Donna)** - A trial period for this Committee was approved.

- **AALL Annual Meeting Tapes (Donna)** - It was brought up at the Planning Meeting to check into buying these tapes for NOCALL members to use. They are approximately $600 per year. Donna contacted SCALL, who purchases the tapes, and found out they are very rarely used. After some discussion, the board felt it was not a good use of funds.

It was also pointed out that several universities, including Hasting & McGeorge, purchase the tapes and may be willing to lend them to NOCALL members.

- **President's Dinner (Donna)** - Discussed the President’s Dinner, which is usually held sometime around the Spring Institute. Donna felt it would be a good idea to use the $500 from the dinner to host a reception for Legal Advocacy Day on March 15, 2001, especially since the AALL VP or President will be here. It would be a good opportunity to meet with more NOCALL members while still thanking the Board and the Spring Institute members for all their hard work.

7. **Adjournment & Next Meeting (Donna)** - The next Board meeting will be on 11/8/00 at the Venture Law Group in Menlo Park. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.
Continuing NOCALL Members:

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March 15, 2001—Pre-Institute Legislative Advocacy Workshop Sponsored by NOCALL Government Relations Committee at the Holiday Inn, Sacramento

March 16 - 17, 2001—Spring Institute: 2001: A Capitol Odyssey, at the Holiday Inn, Sacramento

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