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President's Message

by Donna Williams
NOCALL President

At a time when we librarians feel like we're at a crossroads, the library community always seems to pull together and support one another.

Welcome to the new millennium! It seems as though we all are in a constant state of learning and experiencing new things. I know that it can be exhausting but isn't that the challenge of our chosen profession? I think that if I didn't learn something new everyday, or wasn't able to help my attorneys find the answers they are looking for, I'd feel incomplete. At a time when we librarians feel like we're at a crossroads, the library community always seems to pull together and support one another. I also know that I always feel more confident knowing that I have colleagues behind me that I can tap into for a shared collective! (Oh no, we've become Borg!...a little StarTrek humor, sorry!) Anyway, I guess the point I'm trying to make is that as much as things are changing, the more they stay the same.

Let me explain: In the early days, before the Internet, we shared library resources by doing ILLs' by phone calls, getting together at meetings, meeting for lunch, etc. Now, since we have the Internet, we still do all those things and more. Now, when we are really stumped on a research question, a message to a listserv can garner an answer in minutes. We've really just improved what being a librarian is all about... helping people find the answer to their questions!

Now, on the other hand, with all this new found technology, many of our job responsibilities have changed. We have more to deal with than we ever imagined. That's why I say that the library community has really pulled together proving that we learn from each other, we need each other, and, we can do it together!

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For instance, the program that the Education Committee put on this past October was fantastic and timely. The Spring Institute will be also great focusing in on the government and the impact it has on all of us, in every facet of our lives! The AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in July plans to take advantage of an opportune time to discuss "New Realities and New Roles." We need to be on top of everything. To me, having library organizations address pertinent topics is one of the most important functions they can do.

To achieve these functions, having members who are willing to step up to the plate to help is the ultimate sacrifice. Having said that and rolling right into the New Year, I'm happy to announce the excellent slate for the 2001-02 NOCALL year: Vice President / Pres.Elect - Ellen Platt; Secretary - Erin Murphy and Holly (Mohler) Riccio; Executive Board Members - Todd Bennett, Tina Dumas, Mary Hood and Marian Sawyer.

Good luck to everyone and "Cheers" to another great year!



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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!

Pre-Institute Legislative Advocacy Workshop

Sponsored by NOCALL Government Relations Committee

March 15, 2001

AALL President Robert Oakley 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. 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.

Registration packets for the Institute were mailed in January, and information will be continually updated on the NOCALL Web site.



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Award Committee Call for Nominations

NOCALL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The purpose of the NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement is to recognize a member for notable and enduring contributions to the chapter and the profession. The award emphasizes local activity.

The Award was first presented in 1998. The Northern California Association of Law Libraries has celebrated our twentieth anniversary. Over the years, many members have quietly contributed their time and energy to NOCALL endeavors. Past recipients include Joan Loftus, Iris Wildman and Barbara Friedrich.

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of a NOCALL colleague. Nominate a fellow member by completing the form below. All nominations are completely confidential. The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 2, 2001.

The Awards Selection Committee consists of three members, with the current past President serving as chair. Other current members of the executive board are not eligible to serve. To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must be a current Chapter member, active or retired, in good standing.

Barbara Friedrich, David Bridgman, and Cathy Hardy are this year's committee members.

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE _____

NOMINATED BY _____

Signature _____

Phone number _____ Date _____

On a separate sheet, please describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL or law librarianship on which the nomination is based. Please include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward in confidence to:

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Menlo Park, CA 94025

You may also FAX your nomination information to Cathy Hardy at 650-233-8386 OR
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NOCALL 2001 Election Slate!!

VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT (uncontested)

Ellen Platt

SECRETARY

Erin Murphy
Holly Riccio

MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings)

Todd Bennett	Tina Dumas
Mary Hood	Marian Sawyer

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT (uncontested)

Ellen Platt

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1998 -

Spring Institute Planning Committee, member July 1999-March 2000

Audit and Budget Committee Chair, July 1999-July 2000

Audit and Budget Committee member July 1998-July 1999 and July 2000-July 2001

AALL Experience

Member, January 1992 -

Social Responsibilities SIS Chair, July 2000-July 2001

Education Committee Vice Chair/Chair Elect/Chair, July 1999-July 2000

Research Committee member, July 1999-present

Public Relations Committee, member July 1995-July 1996

Academic Law Libraries SIS Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee member, July 2000-2001 and July 1999-July 2000

Membership Committee Chair, July 1998-July 1999

Secretary/Treasurer, July 1996-July 1998

Public Relations Committee Chair, July 1995-July 1996

Public Relations Committee member, July 1994-July 1995

Other Professional Library Experience

Law Librarian's Association of Wisconsin:

Member, January 1993-October 1997

President, July 1997-October 1997

Vice President/President Elect, January 1996-July 1997

Program Committee Co-Chair, January 1995-July 1997

Public Relations Committee Chair, January 1993-January 1995

Employment Experience

Director of Public Services, Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, October 1997-present

Reference Librarian and Head of Reference, Marquette University, October 1992-October 1997

Education

M.L., with a certificate in Law Librarianship, 1992, University of Washington

J.D., 1991 and B.S., 1983, University of Oregon



CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

Erin Murphy

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1988 -

AALL Experience

Member, 1988 -

Volunteer, Local Arrangements Committee
(Registration Desk), 1998

Member, Research Instruction and Patron Services
SIS, 1998 -

Member, Academic Law Libraries SIS, 1998 -

Experience in Other Library Professional Organizations

Coordinator of quarterly lunch meetings of 40-
member informal Sacramento-area law li-
brarian group, 1998 -

Current Employment

Reference Librarian, University of California,
Davis

Prior Employment

1996-1998, Reference Librarian, Los Angeles
County Law Library

1988-1996, Library Assistant, McDonough Hol-
land & Allen, Sacramento, CA

Education

M.L.I.S., San Jose State University, San Jose, CA,
1995

B.A., Scripps College, 1981



Holly Riccio

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1997 -

Union List Committee Member, 1998-

AALL Experience

Member, 1992-

PLL/SIS Technology Committee Member, 1996-
1997

PLL/SIS Technology Committee Chair, 1997-
1998

PLL/SIS Secretary, 1998-2000

PLL/SIS Newsletter Advisory Committee, 2000-
Grants Committee Member, 1998-1999

Grants Committee Chair, 1999-2000

Bylaws Committee Member, 2000-2002

Experience in Other Library (or related) Professional Organizations

LLAGNY Member, 1994-1997

LLAGNY Board Member, 1996-1997

SLA Member, 1997-

Current Employment

Librarian/Marketing Research Specialist, Davis
Wright Tremaine LLP

Prior Employment

Librarian, Long & Levit LLP, 2/97-12/99

Reference Librarian, Hughes, Hubbard & Reed
LLP, 11/95-1/97

Reference Librarian, New York County Lawyers'
Association, 7/94-11/95

Education

M.I.L.S., University of Michigan, 1994

B.A., New York University, 1992



CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings)

Todd Erich Bennett

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1986-
Vice President/President/Past President, 1993-96
Secretary, 1990-91
Union List Committee member, 1986-1993
Union List Committee Co-Chair, 1987-90
Education Committee, 1992

AALL Experience

Member, 1986-
Private Law Libraries SIS, member, 1986-
Social Responsibilities SIS, member, 1987-
Annual Meeting Library Tours Committee, 1992
Lesbian & Gay Standing Committee, member,
1987-
Lesbian & Gay Standing Committee Chair, 1999-
2000
1999 Annual Meeting Program Coordinator
2000 Annual Meeting Program Coordinator

Experience in Other Library (or related) Professional Organizations

Special Libraries Association, member, 1986-
California State Library, Network Serials Task-
force, 1988-92
California State Library, Library of California
Steering Committee, 1994

Current Employment

Associate Librarian, Thelen Reid & Priest LLP

Education

B.A., New College of California, 1994

Tina Dumas

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1996-
Article: "Tina's SLA Highlights." NOCALL
News. Vol. 21, no. 2. Sept-Oct 2000. pp.
25-26.

AALL Experience

Member, 1996-

Experience in Other Library (or related) Professional Organizations

SLA, member, 1994-
SFSLA, Web Committee, 2000-
LLSDC, member, 1993-1996
ALA member, 1993-1996

Current Employment

Associate Librarian, Lillick & Charles LLP, 1999-

Prior Employment

Reference/Electronic Services Librarian, Pillsbury
Madison & Sutro LLP 1996-1999
Library Assistant, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen &
Hamilton, Washington, D.C., 1993-1996

Education

M.S., Library Science, Catholic University of
America, 1996
B.A., Wellesley College, 1993



Additional nominations may be made by petition of ten (10) active members in good standing. The petition and written acceptance by the nominee must be submitted in writing to the President by no later than February 15, 2001.

The Board wishes to thank the Nominations Committee:

Donna Purvis (Chair) Coral Henning Mark Mackler Mary Ann Parker Linda Weir

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings)

Mary Hood

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1980-
Steering Committee member, 1980
Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair, 1980-81; 1991-98
Constitution and Bylaws Committee member, 1988-91, 1998-
Vice-President/President-elect, 1981-82
Organized and presented *Annual Institute on International Business and Taxation*, March 1982
President, 1982-83
Executive Board member, 1983-84
Grants Committee member, 1986-87; 1987-88; 1989-90

AALL Experience

Member, 1976-
Local Arrangements Co-Chair, 1984 Institute on Management.
Academic Law Libraries SIS Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair, 1999-
Placement Committee member, 2000-

Current Employment

Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, 1970-

Current Position

Associate Director, Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, 1995-

Education

B.A., Social Science, Santa Clara University, 1970
J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, 1975
M.L.S., San Jose State University, 1979

Marian Sawyer

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1982-
Nominations Committee, 1998/99
Grants Committee, 1990-1993
Audit & Budget Committee, 1986

AALL Experience

Member, 1975-
Duplicate Exchange Committee, 1980-1982
State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS, 1985-
SCCLL Publicity Committee, 1999/2000
AG Librarians Roundtable

Current Employment

Law Librarian, Calif. Dept. of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, 1984-

Prior Employment

Librarian, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1973-

Education

M.L.I.S., UC, Berkeley, 1980
B.A., Calif. State University, Sacramento, 1976



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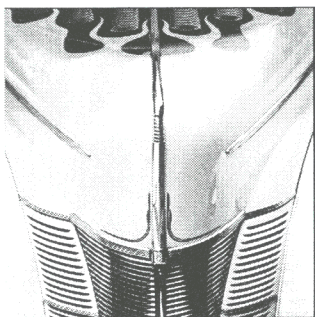
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NOCALL ANNOUNCES 2001 AALL ANNUAL MEETING VIP GRANTS PROGRAM

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:

- Presidents 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
- Presidents of the local, state or regional chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators
- Deans or faculty members from the library schools
- Deans 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 partners or firm administrators
- Individuals who have responsibility for local or state government Website development

- Editors or reporters for a legal newspaper
- State representatives, senators, or other officials who have been active in library or technology issues

EXPECTATIONS OF VIPS

- 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.



AALL ANNUAL MEETING VIP (Valuable Invited Participant) GRANTS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

NOMINEE

Name _____
Title _____
Affiliation _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____

Nominator's Statement

How NOCALL, the Law Librarianship profession, or my individual library would benefit from nominee's attendance at the AALL annual meeting:

If invited I can attend the AALL annual meeting and I am ready, willing, and able to fulfill the expectations as listed in the NOCALL VIP Program Guidelines.

NOCALL VIP Nominee

If my nominee is selected to attend the AALL annual meeting, I am ready, willing, and able to fulfill the NOCALL nominator responsibilities as listed in the VIP Program Guidelines. I have discussed the AALL annual meeting specifics with my nominee. This person is willing and available to attend the meeting if invited by NOCALL to be our VIP. This person understands the responsibilities of a VIP.

NOCALL VIP Nominator

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What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

The Orchid Thief, by Susan Orlean. I couldn't put down this account of eccentricity and obsession by a New Yorker staff writer. Orlean lures you into the world of Florida orchid growers and fanatics as surely as the orchids lure the "thief" into the dense cypress swamps. NOCALL members will be gratified to read that the main "character" devised his plan while researching Florida case law in the University of Miami law library. **Close Range: Wyoming Stories**, by Annie Proulx. Knockout stories. I would read each one at least two or three times, and they would get more powerful with each reading. ~ **Ella Hirst, Nolo Press**

I just finished reading Armistead Maupin's latest novel **The Night Listener** which is an unusual story about love of family, old friends, and new friends. ~ **Cindy Hill, Sun Microsystems, Inc.**

One book I'd recommend is **Paris To The Moon** by Adam Gopnik. It collects some of the articles he wrote for The New Yorker while he was their Paris correspondent and adds some not previously published. He has a sympathetic but definitely American eye. And he adds to this the eyes of his young son, who is trying to make sense not just of the French but of the whole world. Gopnik has a habit of finding a phrase that distills the sense of each essay. It functions as a nucleus that the various observations swirl around. ~ **Janice Kelly, Phillips & Cohen**

By far the best book I've read all year was **The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver. This recounting of a family's sojourn in the Congo as missionaries, and how it ultimately affected their lives, is told from the point of view of four family members: the mother and her three daughters. It is funny, sad, and thought-provoking, and I highly recommend it! ~ **Michael Saint-Onge, LEXIS-NEXIS®, Librarian Relations Consultant**

I just finished a collection of short stories called **Interpreter Of Maladies** by Jhumpa Lahiri. The characters in all of the stories are either modern day Indians or Indian-Americans and the pervading theme is family, relationships and marriage. Infidelity and discord in relationships and the conflict between tradition and modern day life is examined. I didn't want any of the stories to end -- each one could have been developed into a novel. This book won the 2000 Pulitzer prize.

Another book that was difficult to put down is called **A House Of Sand And Fog** by Andre Dubus III in which a formerly wealthy Iranian family and a troubled American woman find themselves with competing ownership claims to the same house near Santa Cruz. The story becomes increasingly desperate and intense as it plays out. The depiction of the opulent lifestyle and incredible wealth and prestige that this family had in Iran makes for a fascinating contrast with their struggle to succeed and maintain their dignity in America.

On a much more placid note, I read the first book in the Mitford series, called **At Home In Mitford** by Jan Karon, about a small town rector named Father Tim. Father Tim is a compassionate man, beloved by his parishioners and rich in friendship but feeling somewhat worn down by the many demands of his flock. A stray dog, a stray boy and a gracious and attractive neighbor renew him. A wholesome and uplifting book. I think that there are five books in the Mitford series. ~ **Kathy Skinner, Hancock Rothert & Bunshoft LLP**



Proactive Reference Services

by Jaye A. H. Lapachet

The stock market is taking a dive and dot commers are populating unemployment lines. The extraordinary economic times seem to be slowing down and what have you done to assure your position and your library's position as a center of knowledge during the moderate economic times ahead?

If you've been able to increase your library budget during recent years, you've probably strengthened your collection by acquiring some items that were on your "wish list." This, however, is not all that you should be doing, and it is not too late to revamp what your library does to assure its place through all types of economic times. The key is to think proactively.

Typical library services involve waiting until people come to the library with a question. Routing, of course, sends information out to people, but you can take an even more proactive approach to library services, by doing the following:

- Evaluate your assets
- Create new information products
- Promote services directly
- Create follow-up information products and services

Here's how to position your library as an essential part of your organization, rather than a frill to be cut in hard times.

Evaluate Your Assets

Your collection is a huge asset. The librarian and his/her staff probably know the gems hidden in the collection. Now is the time to fill in any holes in the print collection. Assess your electronic resources as well. Regardless of format, sources are sources. Institutional knowledge should also be recorded. Someone who has worked in the library for a long time needs to be interviewed extensively so his/her knowledge is not lost.

Now is the also the time to pay attention to other assets, such as established relationships with attorneys.

You or members of your staff may enjoy working with certain attorneys. In the same vein, attorneys may seek out particular staff members in whom they have confidence because of positive past experiences. Your staff members may know what projects an attorney is working on and be aware of the attorneys' professional interests, and idiosyncrasies. This kind of knowledge enables the library to tailor services and information to the attorney by using the knowledge you already have, you can make this attorney feel special and well served, help his/her practice -- and get free advertising when s/he tells others. Establishing strong relationships

with your attorneys gives your library an advantage in terms of helping those attorneys in the future and strengthens your posi-

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tion within the firm. To make this work, the knowledge must be captured in some way. Taking inventory of your assets is a start, but you need to follow up by creating a database specifically for this kind of information, or simple profiles for each patron with organized notes about their interests to which staff members can refer.

Special subject knowledge is also a valuable library asset. Take inventory of the special subject knowledge that your staff, both professional and para-professional, has developed. Perhaps your reference librarian acquired a great deal of knowledge on wind power during an extensive project. A start on categorizing this knowledge in order to make it available to others would be summarizing the knowledge gained in the project and then copying the reference request forms and the summary and placing that information in your vertical files. This inventory should include personal skills as well. If your Library Technician is an avid outdoorsman, he may have firsthand knowledge of environmental issues that could assist the attorney trying to figure out how an issue will play to the media. Consider as well the special skills and habits that your staff has, then harness those skills. Does your cataloger read the Wall Street Journal cover to cover every day? How can this be used to enhance library services?

Finally, one library cannot hold everything, so relationships with other librarians and to other libraries are critical. Attending local library association events gives you an important opportunity to network with other librarians; a little socializing – go out for coffee sometime, or go out to lunch -- can help you get to know your colleagues better and cement those relationships. In the San Francisco Bay Area, connections of this form the basis for various groups that meet regularly and provide input to each other, a

sounding board for difficult problems, and a chance to compare notes on issues that come up every day. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel if it has already been invented!

Create New Information Products

Whether you like it or not you are in the sales business. You need to bring people into your store (library), "sell" them your product (information) and get them to come back (repeat buyer). If you don't do new things or introduce new products people have no reason to return.

Using what you learned by evaluating your assets, create new information products. Some products you could provide are:

- Client and issue tracking - a regular tracking of certain clients, companies, competitors or issues of interest to an attorney.
- A daily or weekly synopsis of important news from various sources
- An enhanced library catalog with tables of contents, links to full text, summaries and information on whether the title is available through online services or websites.

New information products will take staff time and cost money indirectly. Your staff will be taken away from other tasks, which means that you must evaluate all tasks and rank them according to how necessary they are, then either hire new staff to pick up the slack or cut irrelevant tasks. The criteria you should use: Is there a direct benefit to performing this task? Do you really need to check in case reporters or can they go straight to Technical Processing? Can you farm out messenger services? If the task does not have a direct library/client benefit, consider carefully whether you really need to spend valuable staff time on it. Bear in mind that it will take time to smooth out the wrinkles in new information products. You'll

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have to think creatively to come up with new ideas that are right for your library – but the benefit of better service to your users is worth the time and effort it takes to create the new products.

Promote Services Directly

This is old news, but librarians don't do it enough. Go to partners to give them an article you found on a topic that might be of interest. Talk to them about their information needs. Show up at all meetings you know about and don't leave unless you are asked to. Be brave!

Branding is an important tool – it helps remind your users of how much they use the library. Come up with a logo - look at the icons in Word or WordPerfect or scan a non-copyrighted image - then include it on everything that leaves the library. Copy centers are great resources for making all manner of copy related paper materials. Color can be a very useful element of your "brand." Choose a color and use it for all library paper, including reference request forms, information results forms, interlibrary loan forms, etc. People will learn to associate that icky green or shocking pink piece of paper with library information, and the easily recognizable color will assist lawyers in finding materials you have sent them amid the other papers on their desks

Create Follow-up Information Products and Services

You may be thinking that you have already used up all of your creativity when you designed the first group of information products, but you haven't. You don't need to create completely new products - rather you need to follow-up and enhance the products that you created initially. For example, if you have created a client and issue tracking service for your attorneys which includes running automatic searches using online ser-

vices on clients, consider ways to make the information more accessible. Some possibilities are:

- Download articles to a database so that the database can be searched later when the attorney needs his/her memory refreshed or to gain perspective.
- Make articles available on the firm Intranet to all project/case members.
- Find out what the attorney knows about the client/issue and incorporate that into your store of information.

Proactive library services will keep you front and center for your attorneys regardless of the economic times. Print materials may come and go, but services will always be needed. Showing yourself and your department to be innovative and service oriented is your best bet for survival in all economic times.



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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 Membership Chair
214 Boalt Hall Law Library
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720-7210
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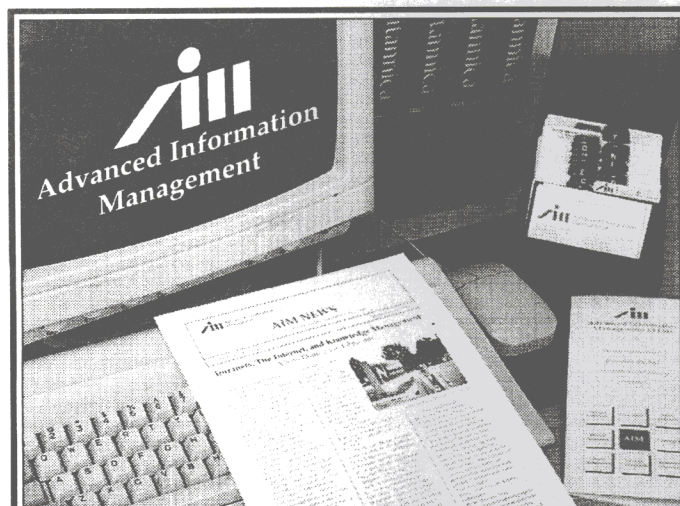
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UCITA Teleconference Draws Broad Group of Librarians: Legislative Advocacy Day Planned for March 15th

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About 35 librarians and educators representing a cross section of public, academic, firm and court libraries attended the NOCALL sponsored teleconference UCITA: A Guide to Understanding and Action on December 13, 2000 on the UC Berkeley campus. The program was sponsored nationally by AALL, ALA and the other library associations and was locally co-sponsored by the Golden Gateway Library Network, the Librarians Association of UC Berkeley, the University Council of the American Federation of Teachers and the Berkeley chapter of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility. NOCALL members also attended a showing of the teleconference held in Sacramento. The teleconference was designed to provide a "primer" on the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, a proposed state law that has been roundly criticized by librarians, educators, researchers and consumer advocates because of its one-sided approach in favor of vendors.

Several aspects of UCITA pose real problems for libraries:

- UCITA legitimizes a non-negotiable contract-based system of intellectual property with no exemptions and fair use defenses for the research, education, and library communities as provided for in federal copyright law.
- UCITA permits this same kind of contract to apply to mixed media transactions where a book accompanied by a CD, for example, could be governed by the same restrictions as placed on the CD.
- Provisions that prohibit reverse engineering or the public comment or criticism of a product would be enforceable under UCITA.
- UCITA allows the licensor to electronically disable, remove, or prevent the usage of computer information or software that resides on your system creating significant security issues along with interrupting services and operations.
- UCITA allows software firms to waive liability for known defects in their software that they failed to disclose to their customers.

So far, UCITA has been passed in only two states, Virginia and Maryland. The AALL Government Relations Committee is actively monitoring the measure and expects it will be introduced in a number of other states this year. As of this writing (January 21st) we don't know whether UCITA will be introduced in California this year. The NOCALL Government Relations Committee is monitoring this and will post legislative alerts to the NOCALL listserv if the bill is introduced here.

But even if UCITA is not introduced right away, we still need to take action. Legislators need to hear our concerns from members of their districts. In the past, our Washington Affairs representatives carried out much of

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our legislative work. But UCITA poses a special challenge for the local chapters since it is proposed as a uniform state law. The best outcome for California would be to convince legislators that UCITA is a bad idea even before it is introduced. And UCITA can still affect California consumers through "choice-of-law" provisions that point to UCITA states.

The Government Relations Committees of NOCALL, SCALL and SANDALL will be sponsoring a pre-institute legislative advocacy day to be held on March 15, 2001 in Sacramento. We will be joined by AALL President Bob Oakley and will take our message to members of the California legislature. In addition to UCITA, we anticipate raising the issue of additional funding for County Law Libraries in California. For details about the event, see the NOCALL Webpage at <http://www.nocall.org/spring2001preinst.htm>. There will be no additional registration fee for NOCALL Institute attendees.

If you would like to arrange a viewing of the videotape of the UCITA Teleconference (run time is about two hours), please contact Sam Trosow at strosow@library.berkeley.edu. The teleconference participant materials are available for download at <http://www.arl.org/handbook.pdf>



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WestPac Annual Meeting held in Spokane

by Samuel E. Trosow
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The Western Pacific Chapter of AALL (WestPac) held its 33rd Annual Meeting in Spokane, Washington on October 19th-21st, 2000. Thanks to a NOCALL grant, I was able to attend the conference. The theme of the meeting was "Leading the Way: Law Libraries in the 21st Century" and it was hosted by the Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law. The Western Pacific chapter covers Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the U.S. Pacific Territories, and Western Canada. While California law librarians are also members of NOCALL, SANDALL and SCALL, WestPac is the primary local chapter in most of the region. NOCALL members in attendance included myself, Harriet Zook from McGeorge (who served as WestPac's newsletter chairperson) and George Grossman from UC Davis.

The first evening featured the opening ceremonies of the new law school building at Gonzaga University followed by the opening reception for the conference back at the DoubleTree Hotel, the conference headquarters. Chastek Law Library staff provided transportation between the hotel and the law school. Programs began Friday morning with Gonzaga professor Lynn Daggett speaking on the legal rights and responsibilities of parents. This was followed by a presentation by Lolly Gasaway on copyright in-

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fringement on the Internet. While many of the current infringement cases deal with products from the entertainment industry, participants learned how these developments could affect the work of law librarians. Gassaway's presentation was followed by a lively discussion on the future of copyright issues in the digital environment and the role of librarians in ensuring public access to information resources.

The conference luncheon featured a visit by AALL Executive Board member Ruth Fraley, who also led a workshop entitled "Planning in the New Millennium." This was followed by a presentation on researching ethics opinions from Tami Gierloff and Robert Truman of the Boley Library at Northwestern University School of Law. The Saturday panels featured a discussion on electronic case filing and a very entertaining presentation on "Law and the Movies" by Gonzaga professor Mary Pat Truehart and film critic Dan Webster. Truehart and Webster showed a number of clips and demonstrated their relevance to legal education. The annual business meeting and a closing luncheon rounded out the conference schedule. I also had the chance to attend the meeting of the WestPac Government Relations Committee, chaired by Richard Apgood of the University of Utah's Quinney Law Library. The committee is monitoring UCITA developments in each of the WestPac states and plans for the December 2000 UCITA Teleconference were discussed.

The conference hotel was located in downtown Spokane and backed on to the park that was the site of Expo '74. The Spokane River runs through the park and Spokane Falls was a short walk from the conference site. All of the conference participants agreed that Spokane is an excellent site for a conference and

that the Chastek staff did a wonderful job making local arrangements. I would like to thank the NOCALL Grants Committee for giving me the opportunity to attend this event, and I would urge other NOCALL members to attend future WestPac conferences.

The next WESTPAC conference will be held September 20-22, 2001 in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme of the Anchorage meeting is New Frontiers for Law Librarians. As California is part of the WESTPAC region, NOCALL members are encouraged to attend. Links to Alaska travel information are available at <<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/tourist.htm>>. If you would like to join WESTPAC, their membership application is available online at <<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/westpac/application.htm>>



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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
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