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## Presidents' Messages

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Time flies when you're having fun! I can't believe the NOCALL calendar year is over already! It has been an honor and a pleasure representing NOCALL. I have to admit being NOCALL President was a professional goal of mine.

I remember when I was a wee-bit of a librarian; I really looked up to and respected the Presidents and the Board members. I thought they really knew what was happening in our profession. How did they know so many people? Now that I've finally achieved my goal, I realize, the only way any of us know "what's going on in our profession" (outside of our jobs) is to be observant, listen, talk with, volunteer, and get to know other librarians, people of influence in the legal community, and vendors.

So that's it! Listen and let your voice be heard and try to do what you can to change things for the positive! Leave things in better shape than you found them and do your part. We can always

complain about things, but if we aren't willing to help change things then we shouldn't be complaining. I guess I get riled up because we just don't know how good we have things and sometimes I think we all need to be reminded...so here I am to remind you!

It's no secret that a few years back, four to be exact, I had Hodgkin's Lymphoma (cancer of the lymph system). Having a positive attitude about life was what helped me get through the whole mess! That and the support I got from my family and NOCALL friends and colleagues made all the difference! I am so happy to be on this Earth, alive and well and with my family, you have no idea! I don't take things for granted, actually I never did, but I look at things in a different way than most people.

I think I've rubbed off on my kids. When my son was about two and a half, he starting waking up every morning, looking out the window and announcing "It's a bootiful day!" It

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didn't matter if it was pouring rain, fog or sun. It was always a bootiful day! What a great attitude! At that time, I had just finished all of my treatments & it truly was a bootiful day and it still is, everyday, for me!

I look at situations and try to figure out what good can come of them in the long run. My husband always says, make lemonade out of lemons. I know it's hard sometimes but if you really try, you can begin to do that in all sorts of situations. Take time to smell the roses. It's the journey not the destination. You get the general idea. Next time you find yourself rushing around the office waiting for the day to end, take the time to appreciate the moment & be thankful you have it! So get out there and start enjoying life more! [Exiting soap box!]

Anyway, I thank everyone in NOCALL for making my year special for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed it! I'd recommend it to anyone! I want thank the old Board, Cathy Hardy, Sue Welsh, Jane Metz, Debi Mazon, Janice Kelly & Faye Jones, for a great year! I also want to welcome and congratulate Sue Welsh and the new Board: Ellen Platt, Marlowe Griffiths, Erin Murphy, Mary Hood and Todd Bennett. I'm looking forward to great things next year.

Wishing everyone a "Bootiful Day!"



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# A SACRAMENTO ODYSSEY

## NOCALL Spring Institute & Legislative Advocacy Day

By Marie Blosh

Sacramento was the site this year for the NOCALL Spring Institute, 2001: *A Capitol Odyssey*. Since we were gathering in the state capitol, there was also a Pre-Institute Workshop on Legislative Advocacy. Thanks to a grant from NOCALL, I was able to attend both events.

### Legislative Advocacy Day

Legislative Advocacy Day was held on Thursday, March 15, in a comfortable meeting room at the Sacramento Public Library. There were 23 attendees. Sam Trosow coordinated the event after attending a Legislative Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. organized by AALL. In the morning, AALL President Bob Oakley talked about that day, and the important role the chapters play because "politics are local." He commended NOCALL for being the first chapter to organize a legislative advocacy day.

Adam Cohn, counsel for Sun Microsystems, then gave an engaging presentation on UCITA, the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act. Proponents of UCITA, a proposed uniform state law are now seeking to enact it state by state. It has been enacted in Virginia and Maryland, but has not yet been introduced in California.

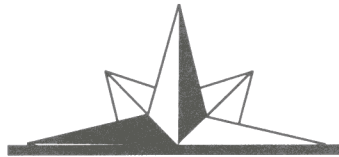
Nevertheless, librarians need to be prepared, and Adam pointed out several reasons to oppose UCITA. First, it is proposed by a non-

governmental organization (read "special interest") and affects computer information transactions only (such as software and online services). Second, it would mean that each computer information transaction would come with what Adam calls "its own mini-law" (the license), that may be disclosed *after purchase* and could contain vague or unclear terms. This would circumvent the fundamental contract law concept that the parties have reached a "meeting of the minds." And, it would toss aside the "fair use" provisions of the Copyright Act.

Adam admitted that there are problems with the current law that might need to be fixed, and that some degree of uniformity among state laws is not necessarily a bad thing. But he stressed that UCITA is an unbalanced solution.

Next, Charles Dyer, Director of the San Diego County Law Library, explained the reasons why the county law libraries need state funding. The county law libraries were established in 1891 and are required to be open to the public. Their current funds (from filing fees) have been going down even as costs are going up.

The discussion shifted to practical tactics and tips for effective legislative advocacy when Michael Corbett, owner of a governmental relations and consulting firm, stepped up to the podium. He suggested that we take the time to explain who we are and what the issue is, because it is more memorable than an acronym. He also suggested that we read about each legislator and tailor our presenta-



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## Musings From Mark

by Mark Mackler  
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

**'LIBRARIAN GLASSES'?**...Hey, did any of you see the May 6 San Francisco Chronicle's story about the two assistant San Francisco district attorneys who have been assigned to prosecute the dog-mauling case? The reporter commented that one of the prosecutors wore "librarian glasses." Well, I was feeling particularly feisty that day, so I shot off a letter to the editor. Sadly, they did not publish it, but this is what I wrote:

(The article) was informative, but my glasses almost fell off when I read:

*"Guilfoyle, 32, who favors librarian glasses, wants people to know that she is not some 'cupcake.'"*

Well, I don't know if my glasses are "librarian" glasses and I don't know if I am a cupcake, but I'll make a deal with you: Don't perpetuate any stereotypes about my profession and I won't perpetuate any about yours. By the way, does everyone in the Chronicle newsroom look like Lou Grant?

**EXPLORATORIUM COUP...**Check out the website for the Exploratorium [www.exploratorium.edu/history/](http://www.exploratorium.edu/history/). McCutchen's Bess Moffitt volunteers at the Exploratorium, and put together a website containing 3-D images of the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915. (Today it would be called a World's Fair.) The occasion was also a celebration of San Francisco's recovery from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. Hundreds of thousands of stereographic images were produced, and then organized into sets of 100. Bess digitized and processed the stereographs for the website. *Musings* Was amazed by the clarity and detail of the images. Check 'em out, and thank Bess for her terrific work. My dear, dear cupcake

friends at the Chronicle called this the website of the week.

**NEWS THAT'S FIT TO CLIP...**is the title of a recent Rob Morse column in the Chronicle (I know, I know, the Chronicle again.) Morse's column is all about Allen's Press Clipping Bureau on Mission Street. The company was started in 1888, and not much has changed. "Each day, the staff scans 2,500 newspapers from up and down the West Coast, looking for more than 10,000 names or topics assigned by 3,000 clients, marking each page with clients' account numbers.

The general manager calls the service "complementary" to computer searches. Newspapers don't put all their stories online, and not all local papers have websites. According to Morse, the human brain and eye have it all over Nexis. "Forget trying to come up with key words on a computer. The topics are typed on cards and handed to Allen's readers, who look for them while looking for all the other clients' topics. What's the old French expression...The more things change, the more they remain the same?"



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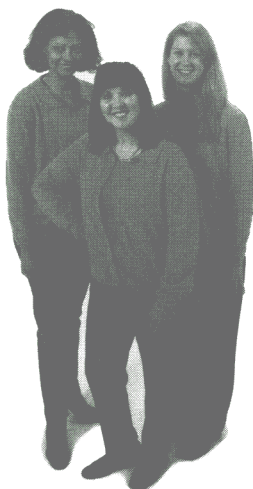
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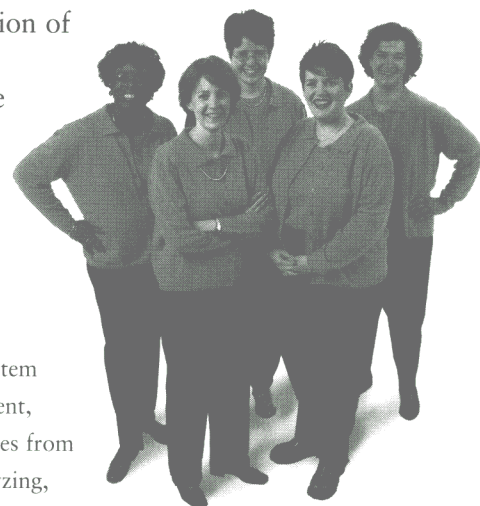
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tion to that legislator's interests.

We spent the afternoon meeting with individual legislators. A few people went alone, but most of us were with a group. I was with the Alameda County group. Susanne Pierce Dyer did a fantastic job scheduling appointments for us (we had four!). None of us had done this before, but once we started talking, we found that the morning session had prepared us on the issues and we were being listened to as experts. I believe we made a difference, and encourage NOCALL to make legislative advocacy day an annual event.

The entire group reassembled for a short debriefing session, after which we were able to take a break and check into our hotel rooms. The day ended with a delightful reception sponsored by NOCALL at the Sacramento County Law Library. The staff welcomed us with tours of the newly remodeled building, and served a variety of tasty hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

### Spring Institute

After an informal opening hour filled with the sounds of people greeting each other and enjoying a buffet fajita lunch, the NOCALL Spring Institute 2001: *A Capitol Odyssey* began with the strains of the movie theme music. Vice President-President Elect and Institute Chair Sue Welsh then officially welcomed us to Sacramento, and explained that the gold star on our badge meant we had participated in Legislative Advocacy Day.

In a very moving way, she led us in a moment of silence in memory of Veronica Maclay, who passed away last year and is missed by so many of her colleagues. I worked with Veronica at Hastings College of the Law Library, where she spent twenty-seven years. Faculty, students, and all of us in the library relied on Veronica for her extensive knowledge of government docu-

ments, international legal materials, and human rights research.

AALL President Bob Oakley spoke about the history of legislative advocacy by AALL. The Copyright Committee was very active in response to legislation that led to the Copyright Act of 1976, but by the early 1980's involvement was at an all-time low. Bob volunteered to act as liaison. (This got me thinking . . . a similar volunteer liaison in Sacramento might be an asset to NOCALL's Government Relations Committee.) AALL now has a professional and is working to be even more proactive. Current issues are UCITA and, surprisingly, mandatory Internet filtering. It isn't news that Congress has been trying to tie receipt of federal funds to filtering, but now the issue is whether county law libraries may be subject to this requirement since some have received federal funds.

The next speaker, Bion J. Gregory, Legislative Counsel of California, explained the inner workings of the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Legislative Counsel Digest spells out existing law, changes the bill would make, and any fiscal impacts. Other records the Office produces are not available to the public. They are protected under law and under the attorney-client privilege.

After a break with more types of chocolate than I could count, we reconvened for a presentation from librarians John Jewell, Pat Zografos and Kristine Ogilvie at the California State Library about their new "Welcome to California" Web information service. Each module has a FAQ, government policy sources, legal sources, and a list of important agencies. It already is impressive, but they promised it would continue to evolve. Check it out at [www.ca.gov](http://www.ca.gov).

Finally, Diana Paque, Director of the Library of California, talked about the history of the Library of California and the services they are

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working on. Our region is the Golden Gateway, which cosponsored the teleconference on UCITA in December.

The day ended in Old Sacramento. We all went aboard the *Delta King*, a 285 foot sternwheeler permanently moored in the Sacramento River, and settled in to enjoy the Suspects Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. Shots rang out! Law librarians were suspects! Everyone had a great time. On Saturday, the conference resumed with a presentation on the ethics of biotechnology. McGeorge School of Law Professor Raymond Coletta contrasted the speed of new discoveries such as genetic engineering, with the slowness in knowledge about their dangers. This lack of knowledge, plus the need for us as a society to determine what trade-off is acceptable, means that discrimination and privacy laws to address these new discoveries move slowly as well.

The next speaker, Doug Purcell, Systems Manager at the District Court for the Northern District of California, gave us an update on their electronic case filing project. As of now, electronic filing needs are a Pacer account and Netscape Navigator (Internet Explorer has bugs). More information is available through their hotline at (866) 638-7829, and Web sites [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov) and [www.ecf.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.ecf.cand.uscourts.gov).

Darryl M. Woo, Fenwick & West, followed with a talk about the history of copyright up to and including the Napster case. As counsel for Napster, he couldn't say a lot about the case itself, but he did put the case in an historical context. He pointed out that there were objections to the Carnegie libraries in the 1890's, on the basis that no one would buy books and authors would be hurt. In-

stead, literacy rates rose and more books sold. Similarly, radio was initially seen as giving away music, but ended up being a means of free sampling that promoted sales.

The development of photocopying in the 1930's and the VCR in the 1970's also brought up copyright infringement concerns. Ultimately, the same issue will be addressed for digital music distributed over the Internet: should technology run its course and let the market adapt?

Last but not least, we enjoyed the Institute Luncheon. Jim Mason, Rosetta Disk Project Manager for the Long Now Foundation, was the featured speaker. Jim is a cultural anthropologist currently working on a modern Rosetta stone. The text is translations in 1000 languages of Genesis Chapters 1-3. The storage device is a three-inch micro-etched disk, housed in a sphere made of optical glass and stainless steel. A prototype was passed around the room, and it was exciting to hold this small but very heavy object that is expected to survive and be used by people thousands of years from now. The Long Now Foundation is perhaps best known for its 10,000-year clock. More information is available on their Web site. [www.longnow.com](http://www.longnow.com)

The Institute Committee did a wonderful job. As you can see from my re-cap, the presentations were interesting, informative, and thought provoking. Plus, all of our needs were met ... I didn't have to purchase a single meal while there. (I rectified that with some shopping at the Plaza and in Old Town!) Sacramento isn't really very far from the Bay Area, yet it felt like I had gotten away. Best of all, I had the opportunity to re-new contacts and catch up with changes in law librarianship. This has already helped me in my position at Merritt College, where I've been developing the legal materials to sup-

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## ***2001 NOCALL ELECTION RESULTS!***

**Congratulations to the new members  
of the NOCALL Executive Board:  
2001-2001**

**Vice President/President Elect:  
Ellen Platt, Santa Clara University**

**Secretary: Erin Murphy, U.C. Davis  
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Mary Hood, Santa Clara University**

**Continuing Members:  
President: Sue Welsh, McGeorge School of Law  
Past President, Donna Williams, CA Court of Appeal**

**Treasurer Debi Mazor is unable to finish her term. We will miss her and greatly  
appreciate the time she has give us.**

**Marlowe Griffiths, Howard, Rice, *et al.* has graciously agreed to fill in.**

# NOCALL Committee Reports

## NOCALL Academic Relations Committee Report May 15, 2001

Chair: Jenny Kanji

Members: Ginny Irving, Susan Nevelow  
Mart

The Academic relations Committee held two career days this year.

SIMS Career Day at the University of California at Berkeley was a joint event with SLA and was attended by over forty students. The program began with a panel of three librarians, Debi Mazor, Ruth Girll and Rita Evans, who spoke about the directions they have taken with their library degrees. This was followed by a reception where everyone had a chance to get to know each other in an informal setting and win some prizes. NOCALL gave away the popular blue T-shirts.

San Jose State Career Day was held at the library school and was attended by approximately 30 students. This program also began with a panel discussion of different types of librarians followed by a reception. Two NOCALL members, Sharon McNally Lahey and Jan Priefer represented the law librarian profession.

This successful program was a joint effort by the San Jose State University School of Library & Information Science Alumni Association, San Andreas Chapter of SLA, Northern California/Nevada Medical Group and NOCALL.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee without whom these programs would have not been possible.



## Archives Committee Annual Report

TO: Donna Williams  
NOCALL President

FROM: David L. Bridgman  
NOCALL Archivist

RE: Annual Report for 2000-2001

The Archives Committee this year was not very active. All NOCALL Committees turned in their papers to the archives as per the NOCALL Bylaws.

A record of the contents of the NOCALL Archives is being put on a disk in Microsoft Word format.

Binding all permanent records of NOCALL is being considered by the NOCALL Executive Board.



## Education Committee Report

From: the Education Committee:  
David Bridgman  
Greg Fite  
Barbara Zaruba  
Erika Wayne, Chair

The NOCALL Education Committee was proud to sponsor the NOCALL Fall Workshop 2000, "New Choices: Legal Research Tools for Today and Tomorrow." The workshop was held on October 22, 2000 at the Stanford University campus.

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Attendees heard presentations on new products from vendor representatives from Court-Link, Findlaw, LoisLaw, QuickLaw America, and VersusLaw.

The second morning session featured speakers from different research environments talking about the ways in which the new services are being used to fulfill research needs. Jean Aronovitz, Library Manager at Cooley, Godward LLP represented the law firm perspective. T.R. Halvorson, self-proclaimed farmer/computer programmer/attorney, discussed the Jurisline litigation and its implications for alternate sources to primary law on the Internet. Bradley J. Hillis, attorney/author, examined future directions in Internet-based legal research. Faye Jones, Director of the McGeorge School of Law Library, provided the academic law library perspective. And, Janice Milliken, Director of the Stanislaus County Law Library, evaluated the new services from the public law library perspective.

The morning sessions were followed by lunch in the Stanford Faculty Club. (The key sponsor for the luncheon was LoisLaw.) Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, Deputy Director of the Boalt Hall Law Library at U.C. Berkeley, rounded out the day with a lunch talk on how to make sense of the new choices.

Approximately 90 folks attended the event. The event was quite successful.

Special Thanks to Andrew Gurthet (Santa Clara University Law Library) and Sonia Moss (Stanford Law Library) for their wonderful assistance on the Workshop.



## Government Relations Committee Report

FROM: Samuel Trosow, Chair  
TO: NOCALL Executive Board

Since the last report to the NOCALL Executive Board (date January 24, 2001), the Government Relations Committee (GRC) has been working on the following activities:

- The committee began the year by planning for the pre-institute workshop on legislative advocacy held on March 15 in Sacramento. Sacramento area committee members Susan Van Syckel, Maggie Kauffman and Shirley David worked on various aspects of the program. Given the inactive status of UCITA in California and also given the emergence of funding for County Law Libraries as an issue before the 2001 Legislative Session the focus of the program was changed to address both issues.
- The program was attended by 23 participants who were addressed by Bob Oakley (AALL President), Adam Cohn (from Sun Microcomputer), Charles Dyer (Director of the San Diego County Law Library), and Michael Corbett (Sacramento lobbyist for CCCLL). In the afternoon, participants visited individual members of the legislature and this was followed by a debriefing session. There was general agreement among the participants that the event was worthwhile and should be repeated in future years.
- The committee continued to monitor the status of UCITA in California. The legis-

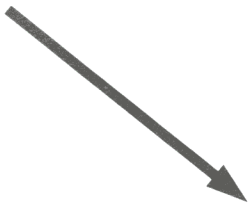
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lation was not introduced in the 2001 session.

- The committee continued to work with the Legislative Committee of the California Library Association in an attempt to improve communications between CLA and the AALL chapters in California. The committee chair has nominated, and the grants committee has approved CLA President Cindy Mediavilla as chapter VIP to attend the AALL Conference in Minneapolis. We will use the opportunity of her attendance at the conference to further acquaint her with the legislative advocacy efforts of AALL.
- To date, there is no new information on the federal database legislation. The Washington Affairs Office of AALL is monitoring database legislation and will issue an alert should new legislation be introduced. A new mobilization for letter writing and calls to members of Congress will be undertaken should a new database bill be introduced in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress as is still anticipated.

Pending (needs to be done asap):



**NOCALL needs to send a representative to the AALL pre-conference workshop on Legislative Advocacy to be held on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> (9:30 am to 12:30 pm)**

**The GRC would prefer we send someone who hasn't attended before (although others are welcome to attend as well if they wish).**

## Networking Task Force Committee Annual Report

The original charge of the Networking Task Force was to monitor activities leading to the creation of the Library of California. The Library of California now exists and regional networks are being established throughout the state. I have been active in the creation of the Sierra Valley Library Network, and through it, have been able to monitor activities in other regions. So far, law libraries are not well represented, so there is work to be done to demonstrate the advantages of membership, especially for law firms. I wrote an article about the Library of California for the monthly NOCALL column in the San Francisco Daily Journal on October 19, 2000. Mary Ann Parker, who is on the Executive Committee for the Sierra Valley Library Network, will chair this committee next year.

Sue Welsh,  
Committee Chair



## NOCALL Committee Reports

### Placement Committee Annual Report

The Placement Committee is a committee of one. However, for a good portion of the year, I received a great deal of assistance from Leslie Forrester, who did wonderful, clever things with our nocall.org Website, and helped me by posting jobs on the Website until I could get the software.

Although we don't have quite as much activity as we've had over the past couple of years, the job postings are still coming in and they are still hard to fill. The world does still need librarians.

During the last year, I posted a total of 65 positions, of which 42 were paraprofessional and 23 were professional. Although I have not been informed that many of these positions have been filled, I believe most of them have been eventually. It is taking longer to fill positions these days and I am exploring listservs and bulletin boards that will reach more candidates.

This committee also advises job candidates on where to look for positions, and provides guidelines for job descriptions to prospective employers, who often marvel that our service is available at no charge.

All in all, it has been a successful year. We have a nice looking Web page for "Jobs" which will look even better once I learn all the idiosyncratic intricacies of Front Page. NOCALL now has a reputation for providing good job listings and for helping people find jobs.

Mary Staats, Chair and member, NOCALL Placement Committee



### PR Committee Report

FROM: Paula Lichtenberg

#### Recent Activities

1. We've managed to have our monthly column in every issue of the Daily Journal, except for February, 2001. Finding columnists continues to be an adventure.
2. NOCALL T-shirts were sold and/or given away at the Spring Institute and by Jenny Kanji at a meeting with San Jose State library school students.
3. Discussed specifics of purchasing NOCALL lanyards with Leslie Forrester, who will be coordinating our presence at AALL.
4. Discussed NOCALL, AALL and law librarianship with S.J. State library school student writing a paper.
5. Spoke with librarian in Fresno about a gathering of law librarians in her area.

#### To Do

1. I am willing to continue to coordinate the DJ column.
2. I have five or six boxes of T-shirts, committee files, lollipops, etc., that I would be more than happy to turn over to a new committee chair.
3. We have only about fifty flyers left, so we definitely should think about reprinting them. (Many have been handed out at programs, to potential members, etc.). We will probably want to slightly edit it, e.g., the mailing address is Sunnyvale and omit the request for a copy of the newsletter.





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### Public Access to Legal Information Committee Report

Committee Members: Coral Henning Chair;  
Leslie Forrester; Evy Posamentier;

The Public Access to Legal Information Committee presented a workshop to the Sacramento Area Legal Secretaries Group in the Sacramento County Public Law Library's new state of the art Training Center on March 27.

This two-hour workshop was part of the group's semi-annual program of classes for new legal secretaries. The topic was "Introduction to Legal Research and Citation Form". Eighteen people were in attendance and the workshop was very well received.

This is the Public Access to Legal Information Committee's second workshop for this group. We anticipate being a part of their program in future sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Coral Henning,  
Chair



### Spring Institute Committee Report

*2001: A Capitol Odyssey* was the theme of the NOCALL Spring Institute, held in Sacramento on March 16 and 17. The legislative theme was carried out with speakers from the California government and the State Library, and the futuristic theme featured speakers addressing the future of biotechnology law, electronic filing, and the implications for copyright from an attorney on the Napster legal team. A futurist from The Long Now Foundation closed the Institute with a description of the Rosetta Disk Project. AALL President Bob Oakley was not only the keynote speaker, but the surprise assassin in the Mystery Theatre production of the "The Capper of the Perry Mason Scripts." The Institute was preceded by a day-long legislative workshop (see Government Relations report). Hard-working members of the Institute Committee were: Michael Daw, Pete Egler, Maryanne Gerber, Maggie Kauffman, Lille Koski, Evy Posamentier, Carolina Rose, and Erika Wayne.

Sue Welsh,  
Institute Chairman



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## Web Committee Report

### Committee Members:

Susan Campbell  
Nancy Castor  
Leslie Ann Forrester  
Katherine Hall

In the past year and a half, the Web Committee has undertaken a variety of tasks to maintain and develop [nocall.org](http://nocall.org).

### 1. Architecture, Design

We incorporated the NOCALL logo into the site so it appears on every page, as does NOCALL contact information. We also used the NOCALL colors, royal blue and orange, consistently throughout the site. We deleted some aspects of the site that, in the new Web-savvy world, we determined were no longer unique enough for a specialized site such as [nocall.org](http://nocall.org), such as search engine links. We wanted to make sure the site concentrated on what we could offer as California law librarians. In view of this, we limited the links available from every page to Home, California Resources, Internet Resources, Publishers, Libraries, and Survival. The last one we added because we felt there was a need to focus on a handful of links we have come to regard as vital to any law librarian.

### 2. Motto and Statement of Purpose.

We drafted a motto and a statement of purpose for our committee, both of which appear on the home page for [nocall.org](http://nocall.org):

“We’re working on it.”

“The NOCALL Web page is an ongoing project of the NOCALL Web

Committee. Its purpose is to facilitate research and communication among Northern California law librarians and members of the legal community.”

### 3. Links

We are constantly updating the links, adding new link categories, and deleting others that are dead or no longer seem useful. Many users send us suggestions and notify us when a link is down. We would like to get more member participation in updating links, however, by getting more NOCALL volunteers to monitor a subject grouping of links.

### 4. Placement

Mary Staats is now doing the upkeep on the Placement Committee’s page, Jobs. This means job opportunities are posted very quickly.

### 5. Constitution, By-Laws & Procedure Manual

We are currently hyperlinking from the Officers & Committees page to appropriate parts of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Procedures Manual so that interested members may get a description of a particular office or committee. We plan on adding the Constitution and By-Laws as a single document as well.

### 6. Newsletter

Leslie Campbell has done a prototype of the *NOCALL News*; we will work on this project with the new editor. We are just beginning this project. Issues as to format and whether to continue the hard-copy version have not been settled, and probably will not be determined by the Web Committee.

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## 7. Budget

PacBell hosts our site at \$24.95 a month. We recently renewed our domain name for the next three years for \$70.00. So, besides renting a house on the French Riviera for a month, we should have no other expenses.



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port programs in administration of justice and paralegal studies.

Just two days before the Spring Institute, my husband, Sam Trosow, accepted a position on the faculty at the University of Western Ontario. We will be moving to Canada this summer. I don't know yet where I will be working, but Canada has listed the position of librarian on their labor shortage list, meaning an American can be hired without a showing that no qualified Canadian is available. Canada also has an organization of law librarians, but NOCALL is going to be an extremely difficult act to follow. I'm now especially glad that I was able to go to Sacramento. Thank you, NOCALL, for the grant! And thank you, Institute Committee, for an empowering Legislative Advocacy Day and a terrific Spring Institute!



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# Professional Reading in Review

By Jaye A. H. Lapachet

*"Build a Better Browser,"* Jim Lynch, **Access** (<http://www.accessmagazine.com>) part of the **Sunday San Francisco Chronicle**, March 25, 2001, pg. 8-10.

You'll have to go and be nice to your IT department to make use of this article. Chocolate will work for the women in the department, but Cheetos, Doritos and carmel popcorn will win over the men and will get you access to the rights to download .exe files that will make your browser more useful, faster or more fun. The article talks about add-in programs and plug-ins which add useful features to Web browsers. One of my favorites is SurfSaver (<http://www.surfsaver.com>), which saves Web pages in a search folder on your hard disk. This is great for on-going research, because it speeds up the time it takes you to find a page. You can always update the page on the Web, but saving the page will make it available when your client loses the printout you made. Presumably you could also forward a folder of saved Web-pages to your client.

Another interesting add-in is WebCopier (<http://www.maximumsoft.com>), which allows the user to download partial or entire Websites and view them offline. You can also schedule the time when the program downloads pages. Alexa (<http://www.alexa.com>) furthers your research by relating unrelated pages based on content. The program also displays site information, related links and reviews, which will give you additional tools to evaluate a site. A number of privacy related plug-ins and add-ins are described as well as enhancements to make your browser prettier.

*"Day Berry Staff can 'Ask ERL',"* Charles Lenore, **Connecticut Law Tribune**, April 8, 2001, **Law.com**: [http://www.law.com/cgi-bin/gx.cgi/AppLogic+FTContentServer?pagename=law/View&c=Article&cid=ZZS4SSKVKC&live=true&cst=5&pc=0&pa=0&s=News&ExpIgnore=true&s\\_howsummary=0](http://www.law.com/cgi-bin/gx.cgi/AppLogic+FTContentServer?pagename=law/View&c=Article&cid=ZZS4SSKVKC&live=true&cst=5&pc=0&pa=0&s=News&ExpIgnore=true&s_howsummary=0)

This article is about Knowledge Management meeting the Intranet. Unbelievably it is at a law firm. The firm has collected the bookmarks and other online files of their attorneys and staff. Internal documents and a link to the document management system further populate 'Ask ERL.' Staff put all of the documents and information on the Intranet so that people don't have to keep their own bookmarks and can benefit from the expertise of their colleagues. The links and such were put into a database and prepackaged searches were added and can be accessed by topic. Clients and others outside the firm also have access to 'Ask ERL.' Links and documents are coded in such a way as to allow subsets of users access, e.g. clients vs. staff and attorneys. This seems like a librarians' dream - at least this librarian's dream - and I applaud Day Berry for their forward thinking information product.

*"Debi Mazor on Orrick's Legal Research Program,"* **LawCommerce.com**, February 7, 2001, [http://www.lawcommerce.com/research/WhatWorks\\_OHS.asp](http://www.lawcommerce.com/research/WhatWorks_OHS.asp)

Debi gives a good overview of what life in a law firm library is like. She discusses flat fee agreements, having the same title in multiple formats, the use of Internet access in the research arena and that stats on her library. I hope that attorneys read it, so they can get an idea of what is like in our world. One of the most significant thing she says is "...our library budget has skyrocketed due to the need to provide the same resource in more than one format and to more attorneys." Electronic re-

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sources are not cheap, though they may even out in costs if you can factor in real estate. I am sure attorneys don't realize that the premium services we use are not easy or cheap and that reliable Internet sources for legal research also must be purchased. I am hopeful that Debi's well thought out comments gave them some insight.

**"Free Web Tools,"** Bob Feeman, **Access Magazine**, <http://www.accessmagazine.com>, Bookmarks Column, part of the **Sunday San Francisco Chronicle**, April 15, 2001, pg. 14.

Just when you thought you had your e-mail down pat, the evolution of e-mail is introduced. Free Web Tools describes an add on to your e-mail called Zaplet. Zaplet allows you to collaborate, brainstorm and share schedules instantly. Try it next time instead of a conference call.

**"It's 2001 - What Will Change In Your Library This Year,"** Barbara Folensbee-Moore, **Legal Division Quarterly**, Winter 2001, v.7, n.3, pg.9, 13.

Folensbee-Moore hits the nail on the head, especially at the end of her article. She talks about losing more space print resources and relying more and more on electronic services without providing the proper support. She acknowledges that some firms have hired an electronic services librarian and others have just done the best they can. When will we stop downgrading certain materials in our minds because of the container (print vs. electronic)? When will

we remove online catalog records for print materials and replace them with records describing online resources? Maybe you can't hire an electronic resources librarian, but you need to think about how you can make electronic resources equally available. If we don't, then we will end up with a very small catalog and most of our collection missing from it. If we don't start moving in this direction, someone will step in to take our place - attorneys will find someone who can train

them on the vast electronic resources at their fingertips.

**"Mining the 'Deep Web' with Specialized Drills,"** Lisa Guernsey, **New York Times** January 25, 2001.

Specialized 'drills' are no more than specialized search engines. The search engine designer limits the pool of sites an engine searches in some way in order to target your results. This is a great idea, but users have to realize that there is some filtering going on. "The smaller the haystack, the better

chance of finding the needle," says the author. Isn't this just what librarians do? The article points out that 'regular' search engines have ways of narrowing searches, but users just don't know about them. There are a few things to take away from this article. You should realize there is a 'deep' or 'invisible Web' and adjust your searching habits accordingly. You should remember that spe-

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cialized search engines may filter, or otherwise limit your searching. Make sure you know the limits or are in control of the limits. Finally, know the capabilities of your favorite search engine. Make sure you can squeeze anything out of it.

*"Top Tech Trends for 2001,"* Heather Richmond, **Legal Division Quarterly**, Winter 2001, v.7, n.3, pg.9.

If you need definitions and context for new tech this is the article to look at. It is brief but will bring you up to speed on ASPs, extra-nets, and RIM's products.

*"What You Don't Know Can Hurt You,"* Dan Frekke, **Smart Business**, February 12, 2001, 9:00 pm PT, <http://www.zdnet.com/smartbusinessmag/stories/all/0,6605,2677304,00.html>

An article with a title that makes you think and is not just a come-on. This is a comprehensive article on competitive intelligence (CI) that really makes one think. The article also acknowledges that regardless of the tools that you use for CI, "the single indispensable element to CI is the human factor." This should be good news for us, if you are doing some kind of CI in your library, because librarians have the skills and knowledge to be that indispensable human factor. The article has good relevant examples and gives good explanations on rolling out a CI program.

- First, have an intelligence process that has been working effectively for two years.
- Second, procedures should already be in place for gathering intelligence from the human side.
- Third, a group of products that people already rely on should be in place.
- Fourth, this process has to be a team effort, which means that the librarian can start it, but s/he has to get others

interested and on board. Need has to drive the technology.

Rewarding people who share knowledge is also an effective way to gather information. One of the best examples that would suit our profession is that of Ricki Brooke at Autodesk and how her piece of the CI pie is to make sure that flow of secondary information "is channeled intelligently enough that people get to see what they need with minimal effort." Make this your mantra! Finally, the article ends with an exhaustive CI toolkit.

*"Yale, Elsevier Address Archival Issues,"* Outsell's e-brief, In the News column, March 2, 2001

Finally! I wonder what made Elsevier create a project to establish a digital archive of 1,000 of Elsevier's journals? "A goal of the collaboration is to create an infrastructure and model for digital archives that can be offered to other publishers," which is great, but at what cost to libraries and users? I also wonder if they are trying to circumvent libraries?

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### New NOCALL Members

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The new *NOCALL Directory* has finally gone to the printers. Members should be receiving their copies in the mail shortly. Many thanks to **Marguerite Jones** at the San Francisco Daily Journal for once again arranging to have the Daily Journal print the Directory.

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 March 26, 2001

The meeting was held at McCutchen Doyle Brown & Enersen, LLP in Palo Alto.

Present: Donna Williams, Sue Welsh, Jane Metz, Cathy Hardy, and Debi Mazor.

Absent: Faye Jones and Janice Kelly.

**President Donna Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM**

### 1. Counting of Ballots

Ballots were opened and counted. Results are:

- Vice President / President-elect: Ellen Platt
- Secretary: Erin Murphy
- Members at Large: Todd Bennett and Mary Hood.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2001 Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

### 3. Treasurer's Report (Debi)

- As of February 28, 2001, the treasury balance is \$38,554.28. This does not reflect the Spring Institute expenses and income.
- Debi has announced her intent to resign, effective the end of this fiscal year. She has asked Marlowe Griffiths to step in for one year.
- The board voted to approve \$400 for a tax preparer to take care of the association's tax returns.
- The board voted to approve Marlowe as Treasurer.

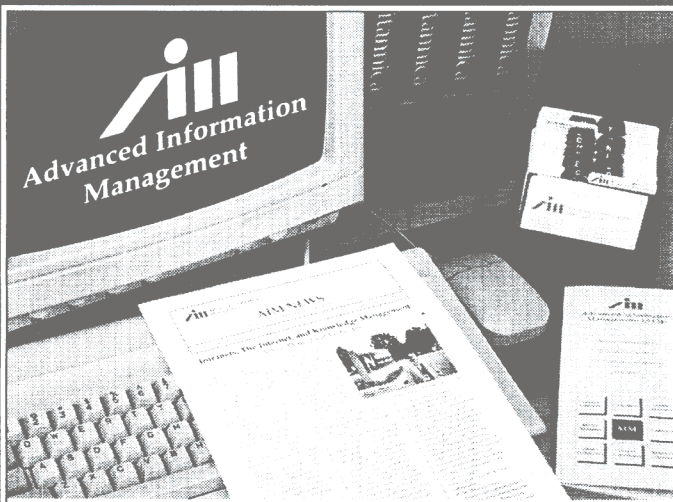
### 4. Old Business

- **Spring Institute & Pre-conference Workshop (Sue):** We were the first chapter to have a legislative advocacy day. AALL President Bob

Oakley was very impressed. Evaluation forms were very positive.

- **LegalTech (Donna):** Lexis-Nexis agreed to sponsor NOCALL's educational programs and luncheon at the LegalTech show; however, they have asked to change the topic of one session. Alan MacDougal & Lauri Flynn have asked the Board for guidance on this issue. After discussion, the board decided to ask Alan & Lauri to continue with one program.
- **California Millennium Consortia (Donna):** Peggy Watson's board is meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> and she will report back to us after that.
- **California Chapters Joint Reception at AALL:** The SANDALL and SCALL Presidents report difficulty finding a vendor to sponsor for the joint reception at AALL. The board decided to suggest that NOCALL and SCALL pay for the reception out of treasury funds.

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## 5. Committee Liaison Reports

- **Academic Relations (Jane):** Jenny Kanji reports that she is still working with San Jose State University to schedule the spring career fair.
- **Awards (Cathy):** The deadline for nominations is in one week.

## 6. New Business

- **SCALL Meeting (Sue):** Sue attended the SCALL Spring Institute and a board meeting. They are planning a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for 2002. If we stick to a five-year schedule for joint institutes, the next one will be in 2003.
- **Newsletter (Donna):** Leslie Campbell has decided to resign as newsletter editor at the end of the NOCALL year. She is recommending that the newsletter go to a web format.
- **Tech Toolkit:** AALL and Lexis-Nexis are jointly sponsoring "Tech Toolkit for the Info Pro" workshops across the country. They are hoping to hold sessions in San Francisco in September.

## 7. Next board meeting (Donna)

The next board meeting will be at the California Court of Appeal in San Jose on May 16, 2001. Donna will set up a speaker, probably a Justice from the court. The executive board will meet at 1:30. The business meeting will be 3:00 – 4:00. A reception will be held from 4:00 until 5:30.

## 8. Adjournment (Donna)

Donna adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.



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**Secretary: Erin Murphy, University of CA at Davis**

**Exec. Bd Members: Todd Bennet, Thelen, Reid & Priest  
Mary Hood, Santa Clara University**

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### July 14th-19th, Saturday-Thursday

- AALL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

### July 17, 2001, 6:00 pm

- NOCALL/SCALL/SANDALL Joint Reception, Minneapolis MN

For more information about upcoming events,  
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