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## President's Message

by Sue Welsh  
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announcement of a reception for library students at San Jose State in the Spring. This is a good time to recruit the best and brightest.

## The New Year

Greetings and Happy Palindrome Year 2002 to each of you! After the events of the last year, we now have the opportunity to look ahead and keep working to improve our profession. In December, I spoke to students at the UC Berkeley School of Information Management and Systems (SIMS) to encourage them to become law librarians. As you know, this program is one of the prototype programs that address the technology aspects of business, but which also apply to librarianship. The program is too new to tell what percentage of the students actually go into the library field, but those who have were able to begin their careers in very good positions as Electronic Services Librarians (or some variation on that title). Preparing this talk gave me an occasion to examine my own library career and realize the daily challenges which technology has presented to us during the last few years! I told the students that one reason I am still a librarian after 30 years is that each day brings new challenges and something new to be learned. I'm sure this applies to many of you as well. Ginny Irving and her Academic Relations Committee did a splendid job of arranging the SIMS reception. Watch for an

## Moving Forward

Speaking of moving forward and improving our profession, there are some upcoming events which will do both: reserve March 12 for NOCALL Legislative Day in Sacramento, presented by the Government Relations Committee (see page 15 for more details). Ellen Platt and her committee are busy planning the NOCALL Spring Institute in Half Moon Bay, April 26 and 27. Of course, the annual AALL conference will be in Orlando, July 20-24, where they will be "Creating Connections" in many areas. Do plan to attend at least one of these events.

## Elections

By now, you have received information about the slate of candidates for NOCALL offices for the next year. I would like to thank each one of the members who have agreed to run for office. Holding an office is a big responsibility, but one that is most rewarding, and I appreciate your willingness to participate. For Vice-President/President-Elect: Susanne Pierce Dyer and Erika Wayne; for Treasurer: Beth Edinger and Jackie

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Grossman; for Executive Board: Yvonne Boyer, Coral Henning and Alan MacDougall. THANK YOU!  
Ballots will be mailed during March. Please be sure to VOTE!



**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
NOCALL Legislative Advocacy Day  
Tuesday March 12, 2002**

**Where:** California Secretary of State Office building at 1500 11th Street in Sacramento (corner of 11th and O Streets). Multi-Purpose Room

**When:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with registration from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for a minimal registration fee. The program consists of a training workshop in the morning and visits to legislators at the Capitol in the afternoon (\*very\* short walk). Watch for additional info at the NOCALL Web Page and the Newsletter.

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## Musings from Mark

by Mark Mackler  
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**These Are a Few of My Unfavorite Things...** Well, folks, the Holidays are over. It's January, it's raining all the time, it's dark when I leave my house and it's dark when I arrive home. So, what could be more fitting than to share with you, in a spirit of general crabbiness, a few of my unfavorite things...

**Internet Wimps:** These are the librarians who get on Law-Lib or our Nocall-List to ask for help when it's painfully clear that they haven't done a bit of homework on their own. Come on, let's admit it. Some of your questions are downright embarrassing. I can't believe that you put those questions out there so your colleagues can see how lazy you are. None of us would object to your asking questions when you have exhausted your resources, but make some effort, okay?

**Internet Codependents:** You're the librarians who actually answer their insipid questions.

**Dumbhead Publisher Callers:** Last week, an ABA sales rep called me and tried to sell me Model Asset Purchase Agreements. Problem is that we already have it. And two weeks ago, a sales rep called me from BNA and asks me if I have ever heard of his company!

**Illiterate Vendors:** How many times have you received communications from a publisher or other vendor and found the letter to be filled with typos? It doesn't give you a sense of confidence in the product you are being asked to purchase, does it?

**Out-of-Office Replies:** The listservs cannot filter out automatic out-of-office replies, so you are deluged with the damn things.

**Publishers with Double Vision:** Well, they MUST have double vision because of all of the duplicate orders they manage to send to us.

**Faking It:** You law firm librarians must know what this is. This is when your firm wins a big case, and you feign pleasure even though (deep down) you know that you were representing the wrong side.

ARRGH!! I can't end on such a negative note. How about some of my favorite things:

**Collegiality:** We still manage to maintain our sense of collegiality and, in many cases, our sense of caring for each other.



### ANNOUNCEMENT: SCALL Institute 2002

Press Release

SCALL proudly announces their 30th Annual Institute:  
**Employment Law: Not Just 9-5.**  
Scheduled for March 22-23, 2002 at the Royal Scandinavian Inn, Solvang, California.

Attendees will hear presentations regarding the various aspects of employment law, including layoffs and transitions, amongst other programs, and vendors will showcase their products in the exhibit hall.

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## Professional Reading in Review

by Jaye Lapachet

*"10 things you hate to hear from your librarian,"* by Gitelle Seer, **Legal Biz Online**, August 2001, [http://www.martindale.com/xp/Martindale/Professional\\_Resources/LegalBiz\\_Online/Law\\_Library/01\\_08\\_03.xml](http://www.martindale.com/xp/Martindale/Professional_Resources/LegalBiz_Online/Law_Library/01_08_03.xml)

This article is very much what the title says, but it is well written and puts the reality down in black and white.

Thanks to Sandra Kae Rubel for pointing it out.

*"My Rules of Information,"* by Marylaine Block, <http://marylaine.com/exlibris/>

Her rules of information include: Go where it is, The answer depends on the question, Research is a multi-stage process, and Ask a Librarian. She includes a short article with each 'rule' that you could include in our orientation of new attorneys.

*"The geeks who saved USENET,"* by Katharine Mieszkowski, **Salon.com**, January 7, 2002, [http://www.salon.com/tech/feature/2002/01/07/saving\\_usenet/](http://www.salon.com/tech/feature/2002/01/07/saving_usenet/)

A story that should warm a librarian's heart, because of the inherent need to save information. The vast resources of Usenet are once again searchable via Google and this article tells the story. The dark side of this is that all of our words on Usenet - freewheeling, crazy and outrageous portion of the web that it is - are now searchable. Go to Google and find out what you said on Usenet in your youth.

*"Why do Intranets Fail,"* Darwin Online, November 2001, <http://www.darwinmag.com/read/110101/intranet.html>

An interesting article about the power of a successfully deployed Intranet as well as the not so obvious ramifications of a poorly designed Intranet. Links to other related articles such as costs of an Intranet and one called "signs your Intranet is about to Implode."

*"Fighting for intimacy,"* by Martha Beck, **beck on call** column, **O**, October 2001, pg.73-76.

Anger. Conflict. Argument. Fight. All words that we try to avoid, but the most helpful information in this article is the following: "the first step in learning to fight right is a conceptual one: We need to fully understand that conflict is not a rare and evil force but an unavoidable and potentially positive one."

Hhmmmm. These lines made me think and forced me to realize that managing people meant managing conflicts and anger and that possibly these words can help. This article talks about what conflict is, how essential it is to close relationships and how to use it to the advantage of all involved.

*"IE flaw puts credit card info at risk,"* Stefanie Olson, **ZDNet News**, <http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,5099435,00.html>

Brief discussion of Microsoft security flaw in Internet Explorer and how to fix it.

*"The Last Librarian,"* by Norman D. Stevens, **American Libraries**, October 2001, pg. 60-64.

A trip through library history from the point of view of the new president of the American Information Association in the year 2076. The author points out many of the errors that, I suppose, we are committing at this very moment with regard to our profession.

*"The secrets of search software,"* by David Dorman, **Technically Speaking** column, **American Libraries**, October 2001, pg. 82-83.

Ostensibly an article about a new kind of catalog search front-end (Turbosearch by <http://www.lingomotors.com>), the author winds up reminding us about the dangers of not understanding, or having control over the way users search the catalog. The author points out that what the software does is trade secret and that can be a problem for librarians. The author surmises that the librarian in the equation will be cut out of the science of information retrieval. Dorman worries about what is hidden from view and how it will get manipulated as well the "hits for dollars" issue.

"*You must read this': Library Weblogs,*" Walt Crawford, the e-Files column, *American Libraries*, October 2001, pg. 74-76.

Weblogs are where library web pages full of links were a few years ago. Weblogs facilitate collaborative filtering, which librarians have done for years for each other and users. This article not only has lists of weblogs for you to look at, but also gives a sound grounding in what weblogs are and how they work. The short answer is that weblogs are great ways of keeping up to date on interest new research tools, websites and databases. One of my favorite 'blogs was left out of the articles and that is Gary Price's The Virtual Acquisition Shelf, which can be found at: <http://resourceshelf.blogspot.com/>



**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
NOCALL Grants available:**

**AALL VIP Grants:**

The NOCALL Board approved two \$1,500 travel allotments. AALL will provide two free registrations. Individual members may nominate potential VIP's by **April 5, 2002**. The Grants Committee will select two VIP's and notify nominators by April 26, 2002. The AALL annual meeting is July 20-24, 2002 in Orlando, FL.

NOCALL Grants to SLA or AALL **Deadline: May 8, 2002.**

Mini-grants for the Spring Institute at Half Moon Bay. **Deadline is 1 April.**

**NOCALL Grant Award Criteria**

1. Candidates must be members of NOCALL. Members may receive more than one NOCALL grant to an AALL function and more than one NOCALL grant to a NOCALL function in their lifetime.
2. Applications from first-time grant recipients will have priority. An application for a second grant can be made when three (3) years have passed since the award of the original grant. Members of the Grants committee are ineligible to apply.
3. Members may receive grants to non-AALL and non-NOCALL sponsored events when the topic is of importance to the law library field and professional development and when the materials can be shared with the NOCALL community. This can be accomplished through NOCALL News, a workshop or a special report.
4. The grants will be awarded on the basis of:
  - a. Proven ability and/or expertise in a topic field
  - b. Financial need
  - c. Promise of future usefulness and permanence to the law library profession
  - d. Willingness to share materials

Applications must be received by April 15, 2002. In fairness to others incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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## California Statutes: “effective,” “operative,” and “retroactive” dates; and ghostly “uncodified, general law statutes”

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Sometimes the questions come up: When does a particular California code section “take effect” or apply? Or, when does a statute apply retroactively? Also, occasionally the annotated codes will give a special “operative” or “effective” date in the annotations following a statute. Why does this happen and what does it mean? Lastly, most attorneys are unfamiliar with “uncodified, general law statutes” – provisions of law that have not been assigned a specific code book and section number. This is a rather ghostly and unpleasant peculiarity of California legislation. Unfortunately, such provisions are not excerpted in unannotated desk reference code books. The following “quick tips” provide a quick overview rather than an exhaustive coverage of the subjects addressed.

**The primary governing law.** See (1) Constitution Art. 4, § 8, subdivision (c) as amended eff. June 6, 1990; (2) Government Code § 9600 (as last amended by Stats. 1973, c. 7, Sec. 17); (3) Constitution Art. 4, § 10, subdivision (b), as amended June 6, 1990. Government Code § 9600 reads as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a statute enacted at a regular session shall go into effect on January 1 next following a 90-day period from the date of enactment of the statute and a statute enacted at a special session shall go into effect on the 91<sup>st</sup> day after adjournment of the special session at which the bill was passed.

(b) Statutes calling elections, statutes providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the state, and urgency shall go into effect immediately upon their enactment.

**Excellent “effective date” resource.** *West’s Annotated Code* pocket supplements provide an excellent resource tool entitled “Effective Dates”. The governing law is excerpted and a chart is provided showing the effective dates for each of the sessions from 1955 to date.

**January 1 following the year of enactment is the most common effective date for legislation enacted in 1973 or later.** The question “when did this statute become the law?” usually occurs in the context of a relatively new statute that has changed the legal landscape. In such cases it serves to know that most California code section additions, amendments, repeals, renumberings, etc. enacted from 1973 to date commonly take effect the January 1<sup>st</sup> following their enactment by the legislature. Most often such enactments occur during the regular session (as opposed to a special session or by initiative), do not provide for a special *operative* date (different from the Gov. Code § 9600 *effective* date, see discussion below) and are not a § 9600 (b) statute (election, urgency, tax levy, etc.). In that case they always take effect on the January 1<sup>st</sup> following the year of enactment. (Example: Stats. 1969, c. 122, Sec. 7 amending Gov. Code § 9600 was approved by the Governor May 27, 1969, but took effect Jan. 1, 1970.)

**How can you be sure that your statute falls into this common, general category?** Assuming §9600 subdivision (b) does not apply (election, urgency, tax levy, etc.) and the annotations following the code are “silent” on the issue of when the statute takes effect or is operative – it is usually safe to assume that the law takes effect (i.e., “speaks” or is applicable) on the January 1<sup>st</sup> following the year of enactment. Lastly, both West’s and Deering’s annotated codes are very good at citing any special effective or operative dates. In the absence of any such annotations, the applicable effective date (post 1973) is usually the January 1<sup>st</sup> following the date of enactment.

**But what about possible retroactivity?** Indicia of retroactivity to be aware of include:

Uncodified general law. (What’s that and how can it hurt me?) Retroactivity can be specified in provisions of uncodified general law simultaneously in connection with a statute. Real estate professionals stress “location, location, location”. I stress “*Use an annotated code book. Use an annotated code book. Use an annotated code book.*” Unannotated desk references only provide the statutory terms in a compact size and little else. They do not provide provisions of uncodified general law linked to a statute which may provide relevant “intent” language on retroactivity or other legal issues. **Remember,**

**uncodified general law is still the law – even though it might not appear in an unannotated desk reference.** You don't want to be caught without it. Uncodified general law is published in the chaptered enactments affecting your section of interest (*Statutes and Amendments to the Codes*) and is usually excerpted in the annotations following the code sections in both West's and Deering's annotated codes. The relevant citations follow each statute to the annotated codes. (Example: Government Code § 9702. Amended by Stats. 1967, c. 123, p. 1146, Sec. 7. The referenced publication here is the volume of the Statutes and Amendments to the Codes for the cited year (1967), chapter (123), page (1146) and section of the act (7).)

“Declaratory of existing law” translates to “retroactive”. Beware, in particular, of uncodified intent provisions that describe an act as being “declaratory of existing law”. (Sometimes these terms appear in the statute itself.) The argument can be made that the associated statute was intended to apply retroactively since it was merely restating or clarifying the existing law. I have personally inserted such language in bills I was responsible for with the specific intent of triggering retroactivity.

(a) Retroactivity can be specified in the terms of the statute itself.

(b) Strictly procedural vs. substantive statutory changes have been applied retroactively. (The case the law development here is substantial.)

### **Operative vs. effective statutory dates.**

“**A statute may be worded so as to provide for an operative date other than its effective date**” 28 Ops. Atty. Gen. 20 (1956). Example: I once inserted language in a bill (SB 1493 (Petris), Stats. 1980, c. 1394, amending Corporations Code §§ 9142 and 9690 and adding and repealing Corporations Code § 9230) to make the bill become *operative* on June 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year instead of the normal January 1<sup>st</sup> *effective* date that would have otherwise kicked in. The West's annotations following the section say “Stats. 1980, c. 1324, p. 4616, Sec. 2, operative June 1, 1981”. This delayed operative date was specified in Sec. 6 (uncodified general law) of the 1980 act. ***Just remember, an effective date is the date that is***

***triggered by the operation of Gov. Code Sec. 9600 (excerpted above). A specifically designated operative date overrides § 9600 because it is designated in the chaptering law affecting your section of interest, often in uncodified, general law provisions.***

**Lastly, don't be confused by the earlier date an act was approved or enacted.** These dates will show up in the chaptered laws. Unless the bill or act specifically names the date of enactment or passage as also being the effective or operative date (words often used interchangeably, unfortunately), Gov. Code Sec. 9600 applies.



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**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants  
Deadline: April 1, 2002**

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see [http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp). The deadline for applications is **April 1, 2002.**



**NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Friday September 21, 2001**

The meeting was held at University of San Francisco in San Francisco, CA.

Present: Sue Welsh, Erin Murphy, Donna Williams

Absent: Ellen Platt, Marlowe Griffiths, Mary Hood, Todd Bennett.

**President Sue Welsh called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m.**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2001 Meeting**

Since there were not enough Board members present for a quorum, the minutes will be approved via e-mail.

**2. Treasurer's Report (Sue for Marlowe)**

The Report shows that NOCALL has \$28532.81. More dues will probably be coming in as approximately 90 members have not paid.

**3. Budget (Sue for Lynn)**

All committees have submitted their expenses for 2001/2002 erring on the high side. Sue will check with Marlowe about the nature of the Nominations Committee expenditures for the 2000/2001 year. The next step is the audit which will be done with Marlowe's help.

**4. Old Business**

**VIP (Sue)** - Since the Cindy Mediavilla was unable to attend the AALL convention, Peg will see if she would like to be our VIP next year.

**President's Award (Sue)** - It will be kept at McGeorge Law School.

**LegalTech (Sue)** - Lauri Flynn and Alan MacDougall did a great job coordinating NOCALL's participation at LegalTech.

**5. New Business**

**Planning Mtg (Sue)** - Several people were able to attend.

**Union List (Sue)** - While a new edition is due out shortly, Pati outlined the problem with GRC which will be unable to continue to maintain our data. Pati will check with other vendors and possibly look at converting to online (members only access).

**Chapter Visit (Sue)** - Sue has requested a visit from James Duggan. It is hoped that he will come to the Institute.

**Site Visit (Sue)** - Larry Meyer and Sue went to Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo (about 250 miles from the Bay Area and from the Los Angeles area. They negotiated a room rate of \$119/day that includes breakfast and happy hour (if desired). Shopping/restaurants are adjacent. Sue emailed the Board earlier this week asking for their approval of the site and the agreement.

**6. Committee Liaison Reports**

Erin brought up the Nominations Committee idea of including mission statements with biographical information as part of the elections material. This issue will be tabled for the next Board meeting.

**7. Next Board Meeting (Sue)**

There will probably be a conference call in October.

**8. Adjournment (Sue)**

Sue adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Murphy  
NOCALL Secretary

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## NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Friday, September 21, 2001

The meeting was held at the University of San Francisco. There were approximately 35 members present.

**President Sue Welsh called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.**

### 1. Welcome (Sue)

Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Virginia Kelsh for hosting it.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes from the May 16, 2001 Business Meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

### 3. Old Business

None.

### 4. New Business (Sue)

- **Planning Meeting:** Thirteen members were present at the September 8 meeting. It was very productive and should help promote cooperation between committees.
- **All California Institute:** Larry Meyer, President of SCALL, and Sue visited the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo as the first step in planning the Institute. The date will be February 28 – March 1, 2003. The room rate will be \$119/day.

### 5. Committee Reports

- **Government Relations (Susan Van Syckel):** The focus for the year will be on funding for county law libraries. It is hoped that additional funding will be included in the state budget. If any member has ties to any legislators, please let the Committee know so that Committee members can establish contact and start the discussion.  
**Newsletter (Tina Dumas):** The first issue of the year will be out October 1. This year the newsletter will be published on the web site in lieu of hard copy. A postcard mailing will announce the web address and give members the option of having a print copy mailed to them. Publication of issues will be announced via email to the NOCALL list.

### 6. Announcements (Sue)

- **Internet Librarian Conference:** Discounts are available by sending your reservation to Victoria Williamson at the University of La Verne by September 28.
- **Fall Workshop:** The “Improv to Improve” workshop will be held October 24 at Fort Mason. Flyers will be sent out next week.
- **Spring Luncheon/Business Meeting:** Is set for January 23, 2002 at the Marines’ Memorial in San Francisco.
- **Spring Institute:** Ellen Platt is working on this. Members are also urged to consider attending SCALL’s which is set for March 22-23 in Solvang.

### 7. Treasurer’s Report (Sue)

The Report was distributed.

### 8. Adjournment (Sue)

Sue adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Murphy, NOCALL Secretary

**NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday December 19, 2001**

The meeting was held by conference call.

Present: Sue Welsh, Ellen Platt, Erin Murphy, Mary Hood, Donna Williams

Absent: Marlowe Griffiths, Todd Bennett.

**President Sue Welsh called the meeting to order at 10:04.**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2001 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as read.

**2. Treasurer's Report (Sue for Marlowe)**

Marlowe has been unable to find proof that Form 990 was filed with the IRS since 1998. Donna will call Debi Mazor to confirm this as the March 26, 2001 minutes show that the Board approved paying an accountant to do the tax returns. Donna will notify the Board the results of her discussion with Debi. Sue will work with Marlowe to see if a request for extension can be filed.

The NOCALL Post Office Box in San Francisco is not being checked frequently enough. After some discussion, it was suggested that Todd could check it once per month and Marlowe could check it once a month so it would be emptied every 2 weeks. Sue will contact Todd and Marlowe.

**3. Old Business**

**Mission statement requested from candidates**

**(Sue):** The Nominations and Elections Committee asked the Board to consider inviting the candidates to submit a statement in addition to biographical information in the voting materials. After much discussion about the additional burden on candidates and the possible bias in a contested election where one candidate chose not to submit a statement, it was decided that a statement will not be requested.

**4. New Business**

**Honorarium Policy (Sue) :** The Board approved the Government Relations Committee paying \$100 to Michael Hawkins for his participation in the Legislative Day program on March 12, 2002.

**Chapter Presidents Roundtable during AALL**

**(Sue):** It will be Ellen's responsibility to find people to attend the roundtable. The AALL contact will let us know in March which roundtables will need attendees.

**May Business Meeting (Sue):** Due to the Spring Institute being held in late April, the May Business Meeting will likely be held the week of May 20. Sue was thinking of having a picnic in Oakland. Mary will look into the possibility of the alumni grounds at University of Santa Clara and let Sue know if there's an opening.

**5. Committee Liaison Reports – mid-year reports required?**

**AALL Liaison (Ellen):** Ellen had contacted Barbara Bintliff to see if she was available to be keynote speaker. Since it appears that Barbara may not be able to make it, it was suggested that Ellen ask Barbara if James Duggan could be her alternate. Ellen will contact Barbara.

**Academic Relations (Erin):** Although the general feeling was that the reception at SIMS on December 6 was successful, the attendance by students was poor because it was held during their finals period. Future visits will be coordinated better.

**Archives (Donna):** Nothing to report.

**Audit & Budget (Sue):** Lynn Lundstrom will meet with Marlowe to audit the books sometime in January.

**Awards (Donna):** Nothing to report.

**Constitution & Bylaws (Sue):** The bylaws require the slate announcement to be by "mail." Sue has asked Prano to go through the bylaws to find other sections that mention "mail" so that amendment to allow for new technology can be considered.

**Consulting (Sue for Todd):** Nothing to report.

**Education (Ellen):** Erika reports that 42 people showed up at the Fall workshop. It very nearly broke even. Speakers and refreshments were good.

**Government Relations (Sue):** Legislative Day will be on March 12. NOCALL is working with SCALL, SANDALL and the Council of County Law Librarians to put together the program. Lunch will be brought in, with time for meeting with legislators in the afternoon followed by a roundtable.

**Grants (Sue for Marlowe):** Peg la France was going to check with Cindy Mediavilla if she will be our VIP. Sue will follow up with Peg to make sure.

**Membership (Sue for Marlowe):** Holly has been working hard on getting the renewals in.  
**Networking (Mary):** Nothing to report.  
**Newsletter (Sue for Marlowe):** Second issue has been published. Only 3 members have requested the hard copy. The first page of the web version will be redesigned to reduce the amount of black or at least lighten it up.

**Nominations (Erin):** Nothing to report except the question of the candidates' statements which was discussed under "Old Business."

**Placement (Mary):** Nothing to report.

**Public Access (Donna)** Nothing to report.

**Public Relations (Sue for Todd):** Mary Ann Gerber has been helping Sue design the notices of meetings. The notice of the January 23 Business Meeting will go out January 2.

**Spring Institute (Ellen):** Ellen wondered how aggressive to be about asking for money from vendors. Should she wait for them to come to us? Donna mentioned that letters are usually sent out listing expenses and options for various levels of support. Ellen will check the file and send the letters out. Speakers are still being chosen. The theme will be change management.

**Union List (Sue for Todd):** The current edition is at the printer. In light of the problem with the vendor, Todd sent Pati Traktman a copy of an article from the recent issue of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* about Boston librarians establishing an online union list. The Committee is thinking that the next one will be electronic. It was suggested that Library School students may be interested in taking it on as a project a consultant could be hired.

**Web page (Mary):** Nothing to report.

**Mid-year reports:** Sue will put out a call for these to be received by January 23, 2002.

**6. Next Board Meeting (Sue) - January 23, Marines' Memorial, 10:00 – 11:30**

Carly Hegle will be the speaker at the meeting.

WestGroup is sponsoring the lunch.

**7. Adjournment (Sue)**

Sue adjourned the meeting at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Erin Murphy  
 NOCALL Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
 New Northern Nevada Courts Web Page**

By Ana Hinman, Reference Librarian,  
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Hello from Nevada! I thought my California colleagues might be interested in knowing that the Washoe County 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court has launched a new web page at <http://www.washoecourts.com> (For those of you who are unfamiliar with the geography of northern Nevada, Washoe County's seat is in Reno.) The page includes recent case, calendar and docket information. It also provides links to legal forms and packets related to family law and other matters. I'm told that more forms will be added soon. Biographical information on local judges is included, as well.

If you have questions about Nevada legal research, please feel free to contact us at the Washoe County Law Library reference desk. So many of you already help us with California research, we would be happy to return the favor! (775-328-3250 or [lawlib@mail.co.washoe.nv.us](mailto:lawlib@mail.co.washoe.nv.us))

*[Editor's note: Be on the lookout for Northern Nevada research tips in a future issue of the NOCALL News]*

**ANNOUNCEMENT:  
CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS - THE NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH TEACH-IN  
1993-2002**

Can you remember your favorite AALL programs or publications from ten years ago? Or even where we held the annual meeting (without looking it up!) in 1993? How about the best selling books that year? TV shows? Movies? Maybe some of us have a fuzzy recollection or two, but ten years is a long time! Wouldn't it be reassuring to know that after ten years there is an AALL/RIPS project that still remains relevant and responsive to the needs of legal research instructors? You will be pleased to know that there is something in our fast-paced world of legal research that has remained steadfast over the last decade -- the National Legal Research Teach-In! It is returning in 2002 for its TENTH consecutive year!

The 2002 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past nine years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2002 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 14-20, 2002). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception ten years ago.

**RESEARCH TRAINING KITS**

New spiral bound kits topped the "BESTSELLER" list last year! – West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2002 Teach-In resource kit will revisit classic areas of legal research integrating traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. ***One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email [mkgsupport@westgroup.com](mailto:mkgsupport@westgroup.com). Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.***

**PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

A BIG HIT from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2002 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. ***An online order form will be available at <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/infopro/> beginning February 1st and ending March 22nd or until quantities are depleted. If you are unable to access this online form, please contact via fax (937-865-1585) Melissa Engler, Marketing Manager, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group with your name, full mailing address, email and quantity required.*** If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 15, 2002, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 2002. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2001 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, [gap6@psu.edu](mailto:gap6@psu.edu); or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, [kbrunner@riker.com](mailto:kbrunner@riker.com).

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## Calendar of Events

For more details, see <http://www.nocall.org/calendar.html>

### 2002

- March 12  
NOCALL Legislative Advocacy Day, Sacramento
- March 22-23  
SCALL Institute, Solvang, CA
- April 1  
Deadline: AALL Grant
- April 1  
Deadline: NOCALL Spring Institute Grant
- April 5  
Deadline: NOCALL VIP Nominations
- April 26-27  
NOCALL Spring Institute, Half Moon Bay
- May 8  
Deadline: NOCALL Grants for SLA and AALL