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President’s Message

by **Ellen Platt**
NOCALL President
Santa Clara University School of Law Heafey Law Library

It was me

Let me be perfectly clear about one thing.... the sole reason the Newsletter took so long to create this time around is because I was flaky about getting my column to our most excellently patient Editor, Tina Dumas.

But fear not, it is all part of my brilliant plan to ease her into the trials and tribulations she will encounter as President, so when her time comes she will be prepared for the reality of people who say they will do something and then either do it long after the deadline or not at all. (This is but one of many aspects of leadership that imperils your patience and your sanity. Susanne Dyer doesn’t need to be irritated by my lack of action on projects, she has complications enough as she plans the Spring Institute and is far down the path of presidential preparation.)

(If you believe anything I wrote in the paragraph above – other than the part about being a source of irritation – please call me, I have land in Florida and committee appointments you may be interested in....)

And now bear with me as I ramble on about events,

Money, and a proposed dues increase (hey, at least I’m not nagging you all about volunteering to serve NOCALL this time!)....

Que pasa?

Well, you might ask what NOCALL will be up to in the next couple months, and well, you might read this entire newsletter which will tell you something about: the Spring Institute, what kinds of awards need nominations, and available grant money for the Institute and the AALL meeting in Seattle.

So, to recap upcoming NOCALL events, which offer both educational and networking opportunities:

- March 13-15 – Life in the Fast Lane Workshop (3/13) and the Joint California Spring Institute (3/14 & 15), San Luis Obispo, Embassy Suites
- April 22 & 23 – Glasser Legal Works, San Francisco Hilton
- May 22 – May Business Meeting and Luncheon (dutch treat), Rio City Café, Old Town Sacramento (those who don’t want to buy lunch can join us afterward for the business meeting)
- July 12 – Joint Pacific Chapters Reception, Seattle Convention Center

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As always, Peg LaFrance and the Grants Committee have the enviable job of giving away money! They will give grants to attend the Joint California Institute as well as the AALL annual meeting. So please see the information on the NOCALL website at <http://www.nocall.org/grantsnocall.htm> the deadlines are coming up quickly. ... so don't be shy, they really do love their job of giving you money.

Show me the money

This year one of the important, but unfortunately, not very glamorous things the Board has been working on is to streamline and/or clarify our processes and procedures related to money. This includes paying our taxes in a timely fashion, the process of auditing our books, planning and approving a more accurate budget, and generally thinking very carefully when we spend the association's money, (which we would like to have more of, but more on that in a few paragraphs).

To date, my personal efforts have been to create a NOCALL Presidential Calendar which goes through the months and lists what the President, Board, and various committees should be doing. I have shared it with the Board in the hope that it will make it easier for future Boards to prompt activities related to money and other planning.

One of the things added to that calendar (and the Treasurer's procedures) is the timing of tax filings

(both at weird times because of our fiscal year). As you will recall, our filings fell through the cracks in past years and we got into trouble with the IRS, who wanted us to pay substantial late fees. Fortunately the persuasive letter writing efforts of then President Sue Welsh saved the day and we were forgiven. (Whew.) We don't want to have to go through that ordeal again, and with our tickler files, we should be ready to pay our taxes on time in the future.

The Audit and Budget Committee (thank you Lynn Lundstrom for chairing the committee a second year) is once again undertaking the process of auditing our checkbook, bank statements and files. It's a complicated task which I hope can be streamlined and documented clearly so those who follow can tackle the job with greater efficiency and confidence.

And now, I will move on to talk about the budget itself. Well, first of all, we haven't approved one yet, but hope to do so soon. The reason it hasn't been finalized is largely my lack of attention to details (keeping this important item on my radar screen) and partially the fact that the proposed figures seem to have diverged greatly from the money NOCALL actually has available. Now let me be very clear about one thing, this is not the doing of the folks who collect the data for the proposed budget which they pass on to the Board.

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My theory of how the proposed budget expenses got to be so much larger than our actual bank account is this.... When I was Audit and Budget Chair several years back, and had never done an organizational budget, my general instructions – which I passed onto committee chairs when I asked them to submit figures – were to take last year’s budget figure and add 10%. So what I believe has happened is the proposed figures (which thus tended to likely be greater than the amount of money a committee actually spent) got larger and larger, and farther and farther from actual expense amounts. With the end result being that the proposed expenses are more than double our current assets in this year’s proposed budget.

So what are we (that’s the royal Board “we”) doing about this?? Our able and vigilant Treasurer Jackie Grossman is tracking down the actual committee expenses for the past few years. We will examine the amounts, take into consideration any unusual expenses or lack of spending by a committee, and come up with reduced figures. Then we will approve the budget and see how accurate our predictions were.... The worst case scenario is that committees discover they don’t have enough money to cover an unexpected or larger than expected expense, and the Board has to approve the expense, which will cause a short delay. Barring this event (with its minor inconvenience to chairs who have to call me or their Board liaison and ask for more money) we should be able to come up with a functional and realistic budget and budgeting process. (Well, really a WORST case scenario is NOCALL goes down in flames like Enron... but if it looks like it’s going that way, I should be in another country after cashing in my stock options.)

Give a little, get a little

You’ll be glad to know this is my last topic and then I will end this column.

This year, as a cost saving measure, NOCALL, SCALL and SANDALL will jointly sponsor a VIP at the AALL meeting in Seattle. As you will recall, the VIP (Valuable Invited Participant) is an initiative from national headquarters whereby they pay the registration to the annual meeting for the VIP and the chapters cover their travel and housing costs. The VIP guest chosen by the chapters is to represent the legal, government, or information communities in the area,

in the hopes the VIP will then better understand our profession and become an advocate for us. In the past we have sent firm partners, judges and library board trustees. This year we hope to send an influential Legal Administrator. The Board still feels the program is valuable, but examination of past NOCALL’s spending patterns showed that sole sponsorship of one or more VIPs was simply too great a burden on chapter finances, hence the joint sponsorship by the three California Chapters.

FINALLY, after discussion of money matters at every board meeting this year, the NOCALL Board will ask the Bylaws committee to present a proposed dues increase to the membership at the May Business meeting. Our proposed increase is the second increase in 20 plus years; the last increase was over 10 years ago. Because our dues amounts are actually in our membership bylaws (specifically Article II, Section 2, see <http://www.nocall.org/constbylaw.htm>) it requires the change be approved by the membership. A more detailed message of how the Bylaws amendment process will work will come from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in the near future via the NOCALL list.

	Present Dues	Proposed Dues
Active	\$25	\$35
Associate	\$25	\$35
Retired	\$10	\$15
Student	\$7.50	\$10

I did check the dues amounts of other chapters and can report that both the present and proposed figures are in line with those of similarly sized chapters nationally. We also took into consideration the increases in basic costs (such as postage, paper, and meeting expenses) over the past 10 years, as well as the fact that NOCALL’s meetings and events also cost more proportionally than in the past in determining that the increase is both necessary and justified.

The increase will be on the May meeting agenda, if you feel strongly one way or another, please come to the meeting and join the discussion. A majority vote of members present at the meeting decides the issue.

And that’s it for now, I’m looking forward to seeing many of you in San Luis Obispo!

Professional Reading in Review

by Susan Llano and Erin Murphy
UC Davis Law Library

“*Archival Content Anywhere @ Anytime*,” by Karen J. Underhill and Bruce Palmer, **Internet Reference Services Quarterly**, v.7, no.1/2, 2002, pg. 19-30.

This article discusses the challenges involved in digitizing an archival collection. Specifically, it describes the Web-based imaging database program at the Northern Arizona University Cline Library and the factors that need to be taken into consideration when embarking on a digitization project. Although some of the benefits are obvious-- a wider audience for your collection and less physical handling of original items -- digitization can be labor-intensive. The authors estimate that preparation of a single simple image requires a minimum of 30 minutes. It is also expensive, which is why some libraries, such as the Library of Congress, have chosen to outsource these projects. The authors discuss the implications of these digital collections to reference services and how it fits in with traditional archival practices.

“*Once Upon a Time, Librarians Managed Card Catalogs*,” by Janet L. Balas, **Computers in Libraries**, v.22, no.10, Nov/Dec 2002, pg. 48-50.

Librarians used to have to make sure cards in the card catalog were filed correctly, check cross-references and update cards if items were moved or removed from the collection. In today’s tech environment, many librarians need to be web managers, ensuring accuracy in links to electronic resources and making certain web site content reflects changes in the library and its resources. Ms. Balas offers suggestions on learning web management. She includes citations to web sites on Web management as well as some web management tips from non-library resources.

“*Getting Ahead by Getting Online*,” by Christine Hamilton-Pennell, **Library Journal**, vol.127, no.19, November 15, 2002, pg. 32-35,
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=articleArchive&articleid=CA256607>

The obvious benefit to online learning for many professionals is that you can do it on your own time

and it needn’t interfere with working a full-time job. The author points out that many library schools now offer entire master’s degree programs online and most incorporate at least some online courses in their curriculum. But before you rush out and sign up for a class, she does point out some of the drawbacks of learning this way, the primary one being feelings of isolation. She provides a helpful list of things to consider before signing up for an online course and a list of ways to find online professional development opportunities. The jury still seems to be out on whether online learning is succeeding since few of the online professional development courses utilize evaluations, but the author includes the statistics from one library course that did offer evaluations and the results were overwhelmingly positive.

“*Online Overload*,” by Robyn E. Rebollo, **The Recorder** October 16, 2002.

Brief article on the importance of vendor relations and the increase in the amount of nonlegal research performed by librarians and attorneys. The author cites AmLaw Tech’s first annual survey of law librarians to back up this assertion (see “The Incredible Shrinking Library,” AmLaw Tech June 2002). The author describes how the increase in non-legal research has created some challenges for librarians used to dealing with traditional and larger-based vendors. Publishers are starting to branch out on their own, offering direct access to their web sites at a competitive price. The author offers some suggestions for librarians trying to keep track of all these different resources and evaluate them on such things as active customer support and content reliability.

“*The USA Patriot Act*,” by Mary Minow, **Library Journal**, v.127, no.16, October 1, 2002, pg. 52-55,
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=articlePrint&articleID=CA245044>

This is actually the first article of three in this issue of Library Journal that discusses the Patriot Act. All three are written by librarians and focus on different issues. Ms. Minow’s article gives the background of the Patriot Act as well as a brief history of privacy issues in libraries. She discusses the significance of court orders, search warrants, subpoenas, intercepts and pen registers to libraries today. She includes a

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practical list of things libraries can do as well as links to web sites, such as ALA's guidelines on coping with law enforcement inquiries. In her concluding paragraphs, she points out that "the decisions to turn over records are made by the justice system, but librarians have discretion in the actual practice of creating and maintaining records in the first place". This serves as a segue to the next article in the series.

"Make Sure You are Privacy Literate," by Karen Coyle, **Library Journal**, v.127, no.16, October 1, 2002, pg .55-57,
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=articlePrint&articleID=CA245045>

Ms Coyle's article suggests every library perform a "privacy audit" to see how well it is protecting patron privacy. A legal and policy review would begin with your state law related to library records, followed by the policy of the library's larger institution or jurisdiction (library, city or county), and finally the library's own privacy policy. Libraries need to determine what data is stored, how long it is stored, what procedures are in place for deleting this data and who has access to this data. She provides a list of things that must be audited for patron information; this includes the obvious "patron records" and the not-so-obvious "OPAC search logs", "paper sign-up sheets" and "usage statistics". She concludes the article by calling on libraries to promote privacy literacy.

Virtual Reference

This topic seems to have finally reached the "discussion in journals" stage. While many of the questions raised are of value, I think one needs to look outside the box of just viewing live digital reference as a 24/7 tool that would need the involvement of other institutions but also see it as a service that could be used by law school students in a computer lab a few floors away, or attorneys at a branch location. Lexis and Westlaw already offer such "live" help services. Would the firm or academic librarian be better able to provide such service during regular business hours?

"LJ Round Table: Live Digital Reference," by Brian Kenney, **Library Journal**, October 1, 2002, v. 127, n.16, p. 46-50.

This is a transcript of a discussion at the American

Library Association's 2002 Annual Conference. Participants included some of the leading vendors of digital reference software as well as librarians who currently offer digital reference service. It's a good introduction to some of the issues involved, especially if one is looking to partner with other libraries to reduce the expense and increase the hours of coverage.

"Virtual Reference: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?", by Richard A. Leiter, **Legal Information Alert**, November/December 2002, v. 21, n.10, p.13-15.

Mr. Leiter focuses much of his discussion on the issues of scheduling and ensuring that the librarian's time is being used appropriately. How does a library accommodate offering a new type of service? He correctly points out that AALL libraries are not as far ahead on the digital reference track as many ALA libraries are.

"Symposium on Web-Based Reference Interview," ed. by Mohamed Taher, **Internet Reference Services Quarterly**, v.7, n.3, p.1-41.

This issue has several articles (including a bibliography) that examine the reference interview in the world of digital reference. Interestingly enough, many of the articles come to the conclusion that there has not been enough research done to assess the issues raised such as what are the changes in user queries received online v. in person, and does virtual reference save a patron time?

Librarian calendar available! Be sure to check out what the librarians of Ocean County, New Jersey are up to as a fundraiser. *"Library boasts books, bikers,"* by Derek Harper, **Ocean County News: The Press of Atlantic City**, December 30, 2002
http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/ocean/123002CALENDAR_D30.HTML

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The Editor would like to thank Jaye Lapachet for her past years of service writing this column, and Susan Llano and Erin Murphy for stepping up to the plate to continue the column!

What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

I just finished Julia Phillips's 1991 book, YOU'LL NEVER EAT LUNCH IN THIS TOWN AGAIN, and although it took a few days to detoxify afterwards, I didn't regret the experience at all. It was very angry, hard hitting, and often self-pitying, but the rest of the time it gave me a brutally frank look at the extraordinarily carnivorous world of movie-making, or more precisely, movie producing. She was hailed (and reviled) as the first woman movie producer, and scored big time with "Taxi Driver" and "The Sting". I have never imagined any one person could take so many drugs so many ways. What adds poignancy to the tale is that Julia Phillips died in 2001 of cancer, and in the book had referred to the fact that she had ingested such poisonous stuff for so long that this might happen.

I received Margaret Atwood's THE BLIND ASSASSIN for Christmas and look forward to digging into it. The only other book by Ms. Atwood I have read is ALIAS GRACE, which was a knockout account of an actual murder which took place in rural Canada in the 1800's and involved a servant girl and her employers. Terrific read.

Liza MacMorris
Wilson Sonsini

I recently finished WICKED: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST, by Gregory Maguire. This was a really entertaining novel that retells the Wizard of Oz story from a completely different point of view. It follows Elphaba's (the wicked witch's given name) life story, from her birth, her years at university, and beyond when she ultimately meets Dorothy and the bucket of water. By the end, I had at least a little sympathy for Elphaba and an entirely different idea of which characters were wicked. I'm looking forward to finding a used copy of Maguire's CONFESSIONS OF AN UGLY STEPSISTER. I'll let you know if it's as good as this one was.

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Musings from Mark

by Mark Mackler
San Francisco Public Library

WHEN I WAS IN LIBRARY SCHOOL AT UC BERKELEY...(back when it was a library school) Bob Berring was the Dean. At that time, it meant a great deal to me to have Bob as my Dean and professor. And now, it means a great deal to me to have Bob as my colleague. I'm writing about Bob at this time because he has been appointed interim Dean of Boalt Hall. Bob did well in his post at the Library School, and we all know that he'll do well at Boalt. We wish him well in his endeavor. As far as I know, only one other law library Director has served as dean of his or her law school. That would be Don Dunn of Western New England School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts. (Springfield is the home of Dr. Seuss, Timothy Leary, Art Agnos and me.) Congratulations to Bob on his appointment.

ON THE FRINGE...Dave Murphy's column in the Chronicle from December 14th:

A recent survey asked, "Over your career, what has been the most significant reason you have chosen to leave your employer?" Only 8% said compensation. And only 11% said their boss. The three most common answers were challenge and excitement, 39%; career path, 27%; and the corporate culture, 15%. My two cents: the deadliest mistake an employer can make is to let talented people feel that they're in dead-end, thankless jobs...If your best employees feel that their job descriptions should include the words 'get a lobotomy,' you're not setting yourself up for a stellar year.

IN MY WORK AT SFPL...it amazes me how many folks come in with legal questions such as how to write a will, how to find a lawyer, or how to settle a landlord-tenant dispute. My feeling is that law librarians (except those in the public law library sector) mistakenly assume that the general public has a working knowledge of laws and regulations and the resources available to themselves. Well, believe me, they don't. It's been an eye-opening experience for me.

SCALL's 50th Anniversary

by Sue Welsh
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

The Southern California Association of Law Libraries celebrated fifty years of existence at a wonderful dinner-dance on December 4, 2002. The University of Southern California campus was the site of the first meeting on December 5, 1952, with fifteen people attending, and also the location for this event, with an attendance of 155. The Board asked me to represent NOCALL and present a framed Board Resolution which referred to some the contributions SCALL has made to the legal and library communities over the years, and expressing the wish that it will continue as an organization for many years to come.

The black-tie gala began with a cocktail reception which included a memorabilia display featuring law library collectibles from the 50s. Remember Acco fasteners and the Ubic terminals for Lexis research? The banquet was held in the Town and Gown ballroom and tables were decorated elegantly for the fine dinner, which included a lavish dessert bar and decorated cake. After a special toast by AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson, the "comedy" team of librarians Mary Dryden and Robert Ryan took over as the Masters of Ceremonies for the program. Highlights of the program were a video presentation of "Librarians on Film," featuring librarians from various movies, and a slide presentation of the history of SCALL including early photos of some of the members in attendance. The program was followed by dancing and more socializing. Many people worked many hours to make this a memorable evening.

It was a pleasure for me to bring greetings on behalf of NOCALL. I hope some of us will still be around for NOCALL's 50th anniversary - in 2030!

2003 NOCALL ELECTION

The NOCALL Executive Board is pleased to announce the following slate for its 2003 election of officers:

VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT

Tina Dumas

SECRETARY

Sharon McNally Lahey

Diane Rodriguez

MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings)

Sharon Borbon

Wynne Dobyns

Michael Levy

Eric Wade

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, 2003**.

The Board wishes to thank the Nominations Committee:

Jane Metz (Chair)

Todd Bennett

Mary Ann Parker

Linda Weir

Candidates' Biographies

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT (uncontested)

Tina Dumas

NOCALL Experience

NOCALL member, 1996-

Grants Committee Member 2000-

NOCALL News Editor, 2001-

Article: "Tina's SLA Highlights." NOCALL News.

Vol. 21, no. 2. Sept-Oct 2000. pp. 25-26.

AALL Experience

AALL member 1996-

Experience in Other Library (or related)

Professional Organizations

SLA Member, 1994-

SLA Legal Division Membership Chair, 2001-2002

SFSLA Web Committee Member, 2000-2001

LLSDC Member, 1993-1996

ALA Member, 1993-1996

Current Employment

Reference Librarian, Nixon Peabody LLP (formerly known as 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. in L.S., Catholic University of America, 1996

B.A., Wellesley College, 1993

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY**Sharon McNally Lahey****NOCALL Experience**

Member 1988-

AALL Experience

Member, 1992-

Experience in Other Library (or related)**Professional Organizations**

SLA member 1999-

Current Employment

Information Specialist, Fenwick & West LLP 1999-

Prior Employment

Law Librarian, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro 1997-1999

Solo Librarian, Weintraub, Genshlea & Sproul 1993-1997

Assistant Librarian, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati 1992-1993

Education

MLS, San Jose State University, 1992

BA, San Francisco State University, 1986

Diane Rodriguez**NOCALL Experience**

Northern California Association of Law Libraries
member since 1994

Member, Academic Relations Committee 1996-1997

Chair, Academic Relations Committee 1998-2000

AALL Experience

American Association of Law Libraries member since
1995

Member, Program Committee, Research Instruction
and Patron Services Section 1999-2000

AALL Scholarship Recipient, 1995

Experience in Other Library (or related)**Professional Organizations**

SLA member since 1994

Current Employment

Librarian, Carroll Burdick & McDonough, 2000-

Prior Employment

Reference Librarian, San Francisco Law Library, 1996
– 2000

Library Assistant, Carroll Burdick & McDonough,
1993 – 1995

Superfund Technician, US EPA Region 9 Library,
1991 – 1993

Clerk, Bank of America Law Library, 1989 - 1991

Education

MLIS, San Jose State University, 1996

B.A., San Francisco State University, 1991

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings)

Sharon E. Borbon

NOCALL Experience

Member, 1983-

AALL Experience

Member, 1983-

State Court & County, member, 1983-

State Court & County-Bylaws 2002-2003

State Court & County-Grants 1999-2001

State Court & County-Statistics 1998-1999

WestPac, member

Experience in Other Library (or related)

Professional Organizations

CCCLL, member 1983-

President 1990-92

Media Relations-2003

Directory 2000-

SLA, member 2001-

LoC – Heartland Member, Fiscal Agent 2000-01

Current Employment

Director, Fresno County Public Law Library, 1994-

Prior Employment

Director, Tulare County Law Library 1983-1994

Education

B.A., Fresno Pacific University

Wynne Dobyns

NOCALL Experience

Member 1981-1985; 1994 –

SLA (Special Libraries Assn.) Experience

Member 1982 –

(Member of Legal and Solo Divisions)

Hospitality Committee 1988-89

Program Chair 1993-94

San Andreas Chapter President 1994-95

Membership Chair 1995-96

Member *FaultLine* Committee 1995 –

Member, California Library Networking Task Force,

Network Steering Group 1994-96

Nominations Committee 1998-99, 2000-01; Co-Chair 2003

San Andreas Chapter 20th Anniversary Planning

Committee 1999-2000

Annual Conference: 2001 – “Space Planning for Small Libraries”

Current Employment

Law Librarian, Apple Computer, Inc., 1994–

Prior Employment

Visiting Archivist, Stanford University Libraries, 1993

Senior Librarian, Silicon Valley Information Center,

San Jose Public Library, 1987-1993

Librarian (Temp.), Advanced Information

Management, 1986

Law Librarian Fenwick, Stone, Davis & West, 1980-

1985

Education

MLS, San Jose State University, 1978

B.A. Mills College, 1966

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER AT LARGE (two openings), *continued***Michael Levy****NOCALL Experience**

Member, 1994-

AALL Experience

Member, 1994-

Experience in Other Library (or related)**Professional Organizations**

School of Information Management and Systems
Alumni Association Board Member 1998-2000

Current Employment

Electronic Services Librarian
School of Law Library (Boalt Hall): September 1995 -

Prior Employment

Boalt Express Librarian
School of Law Library (Boalt Hall): January 1995 -
August 1995

Electronic Services/Legal Reference Specialist
School of Law Library (Boalt Hall): January 1994 -
December 1994

Education

M.L.I.S, University of California, Berkeley. 1993.
M.A., Politics. York University, England. 1990.
B.A., Politics and Economics. Manchester University,
England. 1985.

Eric Wade**NOCALL Experience**

Member, 1989-
Executive Board Member-at-Large, 1997-98
Spring Institute Committee, 1993-94

AALL Experience

Member, 1989-98, 2000-

Experience in Other Library (or related)**Professional Organizations**

American Library Association, 1986-93
Southern California Association of Law Libraries,
1988-89
Special Libraries Association, 1986-89
Greater Bay Area Library Council, 1993-96

Current Employment

Circuit Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth
Circuit, 2000-

Prior Employment

Deputy Circuit Librarian, Senior Librarian, Librarian,
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1990-2000
Reference Librarian, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe,
1989-90
Librarian, Arthur Anderson, 1989
Assistant Librarian, UCLA Law Library, 1988

Education

M.L.S., UCLA, 1987
A.B., U.C. Davis, 1981

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MEETING THE FUTURE: DYNAMIC LAW LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

NOCALL, SANDALL, and SCALL are pleased to announce an all California Chapter Institute scheduled for March 14-15, 2003 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, San Luis Obispo, California. Entitled "Meeting the Future: Dynamic Law Librarianship in the 21st Century," the institute will address challenges facing law librarians at the beginning of the new century.

Attendees will hear presentations on the USA Patriot Act and privacy rights, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Native American Law, virtual reference, recent changes to AACR2, and more. Registration materials will be sent shortly. Hotel information and registration costs are included at the end of this message.

"Life in the Fastlane," a free pre-conference sponsored by Thomson West will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at the Embassy Suites. Pre-conference registration begins immediately and will be capped at 25 registrants. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. "Life in the Fast Lane for Information Professionals" is a one-day course that prepares employees to remain high performers during periods of change at all stages in their careers. Participants will learn how they are affected by change, techniques to successfully manage change, and how to respond in a variety of situations. This course is designed specifically to address the unique issues and work environments of law librarians. Please contact Clehsa Powell to register for the pre-conference (tel.: (800) 550-5088 or email: clehsa.powell@westgroup.com).

We hope you can attend the Joint Institute!

Dates: MARCH 14 and 15, 2003

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\$139 + tax Quadruple occupancy

Rates are good for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Those arriving early for the West pre-conference should try to obtain AAA, AARP, or other discounts for Wednesday night.

All rooms are two-room suites including refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. Daily breakfast and Friday reception are included in the room rate.

REGISTRATION COSTS:

NOCALL, SANDALL, SCALL, & WESTPAC members: \$95 (\$105 if postmarked after February 20, 2003)

Students & Retired Librarians: \$45 (\$55 if postmarked after February 20, 2003)

Non-members: \$105 (\$115 if postmarked after February 20, 2003)

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Building Essential Legal Research Skills

by Jean Willis

San Diego County Public Law Library

This past November, Coral Henning (Training Coordinator, Sacramento County Public Law Library, SCPLL), and Jean Willis (Associate Director for IS, San Diego County Public Law Library, SDCPLL) provided a very well-received program at the California Library Association's (CLA) annual meeting in Sacramento. Entitled "Building Essential Legal Research Skills and Law Library Basics," the course was geared to general public and academic librarians. We estimate that over 70 attendees created a standing-room only situation. The post seminar evaluations were overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

The class covered the basics of legal research. Coral Henning, who provides training classes for a wide range of students (i.e., legal secretaries, attorneys, self-represented litigants, public librarians) as part of her job, is well-versed in the needs of this type of non-legally trained audience. Coral focused on the types of basic legal materials that might be found in non-law libraries, along with pertinent web sites.

Both Jean and Coral focused on what types of legal reference questions a general public or academic librarian could expect to answer and how to go about finding the information. We encouraged all attendees to refer their patrons to a local public law library, such as a county law library, whenever possible. We encouraged access to both the SCPLL (<http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/>) and SDCPLL (<http://www.sdcppl.org>) websites, where anyone can access the virtual reference service staffed by eleven California county law libraries and the Bernard E. Witkin California State Law Library. Law Librarians answer e-mail questions real time through the MCLS and Q&A Café 24/7 reference programs. Law librarians are available primarily during the business day. When law librarians are not available live, there is an e-mail option and joint email software. The participating law libraries also answer questions sent to the email box.

This is actually the second time that we offered this program at a CLA conference; previously we provided a similar class at the 2000 CLA conference in Palm Springs. Response to that class was similarly enthusiastic, and we were encouraged by attendees to

offer the program on a regular and ongoing basis. CLA alternates holding its annual conference in northern and southern California, so we decided to try to provide the program on a three year rotation. Due to the reception of this year's class, we are considering providing the program more often.

Many thanks go to NOCALL who provided a generous grant to support Jean's travel and conference fees. We let the class participants know that NOCALL had helped to sponsor the program, and several attendees requested more information about joining NOCALL.

The following day, Karen Lutke (Director, San Mateo County Law Library) and Annette Heath (Director, Kern County Law Library) joined Jean and Coral in providing a poster session entitled "How to Locate the Resources of California's County Law Libraries." We had various informational brochures, pathfinders and bookmarks from many of the county law libraries. Karen Lutke had also created a tri-fold pamphlet that lists all of the county law libraries with addresses, phone numbers, URLs, etc. We had 150 of the latter pamphlet, and all were gone by the end of the session.

The poster session provided us with another excellent opportunity to "advertise" about the County Law Library 24x7 project. Librarians from remote areas of the state were especially happy to hear that an online resource exists where they can obtain legal reference help, themselves, or direct their patrons to do so. Shirley David (Director, Sacramento County Public Law Library) has been instrumental in leading this project and keeping participants on track. On a tangential note, the CA Judicial Council self-help website was revised on January 1, 2003, and it has a link to the County Law Library 24x7 site (<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/>). We are now receiving more questions than ever before, and the project is proving to be a viable way to extend our community outreach efforts.

Thanks go again to NOCALL for assisting in sponsoring Jean Willis to attend the conference. This helped us to extend our outreach to the public, as well as informing many librarians about California's valuable County Law Library program.

Professional Achievement Award ~ Call for Nominations~

The Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award.

The purpose of the Award is to recognize a member for notable and enduring contributions to the Chapter and the profession. The Award represents a cumulative evaluation of an individual's career and emphasizes local activity and leadership of an exemplary nature. Last year the Award was presented to Mark Mackler, now with the San Francisco Public Library. Past Award winners were: Shirley David, Barbara Friedrich, Iris Wildman, and Joan Loftus.

All Nominations must be accompanied by a brief justification that should include pertinent biographical data about the nominee. Any Chapter member may submit nominations, and self-nominations will be accepted.

To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must be a current Chapter member, active or retired, in good standing. Current Executive Board members and Award Selection Committee members are not eligible. For submission information and further selection criteria, see the Awards Committee entry on the NOCALL web page: <http://www.nocall.org/awards.htm>

Please mail or email nominations in strict confidence to Sue Welsh by **April 2, 2003**. Committee Members are Mark Mackler, Liza MacMorris, and Sue Welsh.

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2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants

Deadline: April 1, 2003

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to newer law librarians or graduate 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 members of AALL or its chapters who are active participants in the association or one of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see

http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. The deadline for applications is **April 1, 2003**.

NOCALL Grants available

Grant applications for attendance at the All California Chapter Institute: MEETING THE FUTURE: DYNAMIC LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE 21st CENTURY are due no later than **Friday, February 14, 2003**. The Institute is scheduled for March 14-15, 2003, in San Luis Obispo. Applications are available on the NOCALL web site. Applications can be faxed, e-mailed as an attachment (WORD preferred), or actually put in the mail. But they must get to me **no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 14th**.

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

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2003 NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH TEACH-IN CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Eleventh Annual National Legal Research Teach-In will soon be upon us and we need YOUR contribution

Sponsored by RIPS-SIS, the Teach-In gives law librarians the opportunity to share materials and ideas for legal research instruction. Each year the Teach-In committee creates a set of materials that can be used to design and advertise programs and events for our Institutions. These materials are distributed several weeks prior to National Library Week in April to anyone interested in legal research instruction.

Over the past eleven years Teach-In materials have been distributed to an increasing number of interested people in diverse institutions all over the world. In 1993, for the first Teach-In, resource kits were distributed to 315 locations and promotional items (posters & bookmarks) went to about 200 people. A new record has been set each year, culminating in 2001 when resource kits were sent to over 700 people and over 20,000 notepads were used for promotional purposes! From these brief figures it is easy to see that the Teach-In has become an integral part of the law librarian landscape.

For ideas from past Teach-Ins, see the RIPS Teach-In web page at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.htm

It is never too early to plan for success! Now is the time for YOU to become involved in the creation of these materials! Please take a few minutes to consider if you have research instruction materials (including teaching techniques, training scripts, lecture notes, outlines, handouts, exercises, lesson plans, user guides, pathfinders, research guides, or descriptions of past training events) that you could contribute. If you do or if you have comments or suggestions, please contact Gail Partin or Kristin Gerdy as soon as possible (but no later than January 10, 2003).

Thanks for making our eleventh Teach-In the best one yet!

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Letter from NOCALL to GSA re: FAR 2002-011: Procurement of Printing and Duplicating Through the Government Printing Office

On behalf of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL), we write in regard to Memorandum No. M-02-07, dated May 3, 2002, issued from the Office of Management and Budget by Director Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. Director Daniels' Memorandum calls for amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which would eliminate the restrictions mandating that Federal agencies use the Government Printing Office (GPO) as their source of printing. The amendments would allow the agencies to procure printing outside of GPO.

NOCALL is concerned that the proposed amendments will endanger the public's ability to locate, use and obtain Federal documents. GPO's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) supports public access to U.S. Government publications by disseminating Federal documents to NOCALL member libraries and others across the nation. Any change in operating rules that would diminish the ability of NOCALL member libraries to serve the public by harming the FDLP should be seriously reconsidered. The right of access to Federal documents is an essential principal of our democratic society and both NOCALL and the American Association of Law Libraries believe the Government should provide access to Federal documents on a no-fee basis.

If implemented, the proposed amendments would violate several sections of Title 44 of the United States Code: Section 501 requires that the printing for Federal agency documents be done at the Government Printing Office (GPO); Section 1903 requires that agencies that procure printing outside of GPO pay the cost of printing and binding for copies distributed to FDLP member libraries; and Section 1710 requires that "the head of each executive department, agency and establishment of the Government" supply a copy to the Superintendent of Documents in order for it to be cataloged. NOCALL would like clarification as to how the latter requirement would be fulfilled if the amendments were approved.

Please take into consideration our concerns regarding the proposed amendments to FAR. NOCALL is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Our members come from a variety of law libraries and law-related environments, including academic law libraries, county and court libraries (such as the California Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals), state and federal agency libraries, the California State Law Library, corporate law libraries, law firm libraries and legal information providers.

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Membership News

New & Continuing NOCALL Members

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2001-2002 NOCALL Directory are listed below, as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections, changes, or additions to the Directory should be sent to:

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The following members have recently retired:

Susan Southwick, Law Librarian of the Nevada Supreme Court Library since 1983, retired January 17, 2003. She will be replaced by Kathleen Harrington, currently Assistant Law Librarian.

Marianna Moore retired Dec. 30, 2002 from Solano County Law Library.
 "Many thanks to all who have helped me along the way - I'll miss NOCALL."

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Calendar of Events

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2003

- Ø March 13-15, Thursday through Saturday

[Life in the Fast Lane: Spring Workshop & All-California Joint Institute](#), San Luis Obispo, CA

- Ø May 22, Thursday

Business Meeting and Luncheon, Rio City Café, Old Town Sacramento, CA

- Ø July 12-16, Saturday through Wednesday

AALL Annual Conference, Seattle, WA

- Ø July 12, Saturday

Joint Western Chapters of AALL Reception (SCALL, SANDALL, WestPac, NOCALL), Seattle WA