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President’s Message

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NOCALL Presidential swan song...

It’s hard to believe my year as President is drawing to a close. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our profession as Chapter President. Of course this year’s success – and I think it’s safe to call the year a success, but more on that in a moment – is due to the many people who also volunteered and served NOCALL in a variety of capacities, more specifically, my heartfelt thanks to:

- Past President Sue Welsh for all her good advice and endless patience;
- Vice President Susanne Pierce Dyer for her excellent organizational endeavors at the successful Spring Institute;
- Board members Jackie Grossman, Erin Murphy, Yvonne Boyer, and Coral Henning, for all your hard work and great ideas; and
- All the Committee chairs and their committees for stepping up and taking care of NOCALL’s business so well

Looking back on the year, I would call it unglamorous but successful. As we move on to Susanne’s presidency, I like to think we’re:

- a little more organized because of an annual chapter calendar
- in better financial shape because we’ve been really examined our spending habits and been fiscally conservative over the year – an example is that we will have sent a great VIP (the outgoing President of NALP) to AALL for a very modest amount (less than \$200 is NOCALL’s share of his expenses)
- a little more connected because of our quarterly meetings, listserv, and soon to be published member directory, and
- more educated and in touch with other California librarians because of the Joint Spring Institute.

And with those few words, I’m going to sign off. I look forward to meeting more of you over the next year at the various NOCALL functions.

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Words from the Editor:

I don't usually have time to indulge in an Editor's Note for the newsletter, what with trying to get it to print on time. However, I am taking a few minutes with this issue to wish our devoted readers farewell (as Editor, anyway). As many of you know, you boldly elected me Vice-President / President-Elect of NOCALL for the coming year. Since this will require me to focus on other NOCALL matters (including the Spring Institute), I am handing over the Newsletter reigns to the capable Shelley Blackman.

It's been an educational and fulfilling two years. I'm truly proud of being able to produce the newsletter in an electronic format. And from the wonderful feedback I've received, it seems that many of you also approve. Thank you for your support, and for your contributions. I hope you can support Shelley in the same way, with articles, constructive criticism and praise, and maybe an offer to help with proofreading and production.

See you all at next year's Spring Institute!

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Professional Reading in Review

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“*The Suicide of the Public Librarian*” by Bill Crowley, **Library Journal**, v.128, no.7, April 15, 2003, p.48.
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA289162>

Bill Crowley describes one popular library’s “dirty little secret.” It seems that part of the library’s success is built on the downgrading of its professional positions. Library workers who do not hold an MLS are replacing librarians and each library vacancy is reviewed with the intent of minimizing that position to one that does not require an MLS. Although Mr. Crowley does not name the library he’s describing, he warns against this “deprofessionalization” in libraries and describes it as tantamount to professional suicide. He ends the article with the suggestion that in cases like this there may be a strong need for librarian unionization.

“*Stacks of Knowledge*,” by Tricia Bond and Nola Vanhoy, **California Legal Pro, supplement to the Recorder**, March 24, 2003, p.3

This article encourages librarians to become more active in “knowledge management.” According to the authors, knowledge management is about “making the categorization and organization of knowledge a core competency at a firm.” And who better to do this but a librarian? The articles gives examples of what some librarians are doing and includes a tip sheet with ten suggestions for how firm librarians can integrate KM into their ongoing duties.

“*The Challenge of the Day: Permanent Public Access*,” by Richard A. Leiter, **Legal Information ALERT**, v.22, no.2, February 2003, p.10-12.

Richard Leiter’s article addresses an issue of concern to all librarians today; will we have permanent public access to electronic state government information? As more and more state and federal agencies move their publishing to the Web, librarians are concerned about how long that information will be available. We are all familiar with the problem of the dead link and the

changed URL and sometimes these problems are just annoyances, but other times they have a more dire meaning. Information that is taken for granted may suddenly be unavailable on the web altogether. As budget cuts force many librarians to cut print subscriptions in favor of online access, it is critical that we become advocates of permanent public access. The author suggests we keep an eye on AALL’s PPA project and use our voices to encourage our governmental leaders to take care to preserve electronic resources.

“*LexisNexis to Publish State Case Law*,” by Tyler Cunningham, **Daily Recorder**, v.93, no.76, April 21, 2003, p.1.

Lexis will begin publishing the official reports for California beginning July 1st of this year. According to the article, Lexis is charged with acting as the state’s official reporter for the next five years. There should be no discernable effect to subscribers, but Lexis has agreed to some perks. They will post all state opinions since 1850 on a web site and make them available to the public without charge (California cases on Findlaw only go back to 1934). They will also post the official reports on the Lexis site and send free e-mails to the public alerting them to certain case activity. Lexis beat out Westlaw (the only other company to submit a bid) by offering to publish at a substantially lower price.

“*Living through the Law Firm Merger*,” by Eva-Marie Nye, **Law Library Lights**, v. 46, no.1, Winter 2002, p. 1 http://www.llsdc.org/lights/pdf/46_1.pdf

Although written by an East Coast law firm librarian, this article is timely for the upheaval that has gone on and may continue in law firms on the West Coast. Several practical as well as savvy tips are given including how to pick up on whether a merger is in the offing as well as how to make sure the library remains a player during the process. Much of this is based on the Orlando AALL conference program but it’s helpful to have it written down.

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What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine
Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May

I've recently finished re-reading THE HOBBIT and THE LORD OF THE RINGS by J.R.R. Tolkien. Among the many themes of the books (destruction, courage, temptation, redemption, tolerance), I think the theme of hope against the backdrop of tremendous and horribly unwelcome change to be the most interesting this time through. As a side note, I've decided that the waybread the elves ate was actually biscotti. Good to know that both Frodo and Elven cuisine live.

Cally Beers
Gunderson Dettmer

I just finished FIVE QUARTERS OF THE ORANGE by Joanne Harris, who is also the author of CHOCOLAT. Interspersed among the recipes in the album Framboise Simon inherits is the key to her family's undoing in a Nazi occupied French village. The reader is treated to another sensuous story focused around food and the human condition.

Shirley Hart David
Sacramento County Public Law Library

This won't be a very startling recommendation but I finally read COLD MOUNTAIN by Charles Frazier and it was stunning! A beautiful, lyrical novel set in the mountains of North Carolina during the Civil War, near the end of the Civil War. The character development is wonderful, the descriptions of the places, people, seasons, life, colors, are so real, and the story is unparalleled. A MUST read.

It seems particularly outstanding because we're reading THE CORRECTIONS by Jonathan Franzen for my book group and although it's also well written and has good character development, there's nothing likeable about any of them or their situations, and their stories seem so trite and superficial compared to Cold Mountain. I'm having a hard time giving THE CORRECTIONS a fair reading, but there's a ways to go yet so someone may turn out to be a decent human being (though so far it's a sad commentary on our

contemporary society).

Terry Dean
Institute of Governmental Studies Library

Title: SUMMERLAND
Author: Michael Chabon
Type: Fiction/fantasy for ages 10 and older

Mr. Chabon has combined his obvious appreciation for the sport of baseball, his talent with language, and what appears to be at least a passing interest in fantasy/fables and come up with what could be described as "the writer's 'Harry Potter.'" Intending no slight to J.K. Rowling or her popular character (I have read and enjoyed each of her books), Mr. Chabon's writing skills are of a different type than Ms. Rowling's. His playfulness with language has been appreciated in his other books (Mysteries of Pittsburgh, Wonder Boys, Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay), but it is also his effort to bring childhood and its inherent trials to life that make this book enjoyable.

Set in the Pacific Northwest, the book follows three children as they play out their roles on a baseball team with varying degrees of success or failure. Within a few chapters, the three are swept up into a fantasy world where the existence of all reality is dependent on them and their quest. The creatures, people, and ideas they encounter along the way show the thoroughness of Mr. Chabon's imagination.

While I would still suggest that Ms. Rowling has nothing to fear from Mr. Chabon encroaching on her territory (this is good--just not his best work to date), I do think this book would interest anyone who has struggled through participating in a team sport at an early age while still trying to be an individual with some self-respect.

Edward Hosey
U. S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Library

BEYOND THE PALE, by Elana Dykewomon. A Jewish, lesbian, historical novel taking place in Russia and New York City from the late 1800's to about 1918. Winner of several literary awards.

CEREUS BLOOMS AT NIGHT, by Shani Mootoo.
A beautifully told story of a lesbian relationship in India by a gay man in the early 20th century.

Susan Levinkind
Santa Clara County Superior Court

I just finished reading SEABISCUIT: AN AMERICAN LEGEND, by Laura Hillenbrand. Although it seems funny, reading a biography of a horse, the book reads like fiction. The owners, jockeys, and racing environment provide an interesting and entertaining background. Laura Hillenbrand, an expert in writing about horses and racing, imbues the characters with life and weaves the chronology and characters together in a fascinating story that covers the twenties, thirties, and forties.

Jane McMahon
Thomson-West

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Mark Your Calendar & Register Today for the SCCLL Law Librarian and Trustee Luncheon in Seattle!

A truly sumptuous Law Librarian and Trustee Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2003 at 11:45 AM at the Sheraton in Seattle. All SCCLL (and AALL) members are welcome to attend this annual event, where we will relax over a lovely meal and gain insights from a public law library leader in our host locale.

This year, we are fortunate to welcome The Honorable Terry Lukens, President of the King County Law Library Board of Trustees and King County Superior Court Judge as our speaker. Judge Lukens will address the importance of collaboration as a strategic tool to advance a library's goals and objectives. Collaboration is something King County Law Library uses both internally as a board and staff and externally with other agencies, departments of the county and with the broader community. Specific examples of successful collaborations include the library's new training center, their LSTA grant with Seattle Public Library and University of Washington Health Sciences Libraries, and their legislative efforts. We are hoping for a great turnout to hear this stimulating speaker discuss some exciting and groundbreaking projects. To get a hint of the type of project you will hear about from Judge Lukens, check out a wonderful article by Jean Holcomb, King County Law Librarian in Computers in Libraries Magazine, available free and full-text on the web at: <http://www.infotoday.com/cilmag/feb03/holcomb.htm>, which discusses the law library's successful quest for funding for their training center, using "The Little Engine That Could" as a metaphor for the process. You'll enjoy the article and the opportunity to ask Jean, her talented library staff colleagues and Judge Lukens just how they accomplish all that they do in our current economic climate. You will bring so many new ideas home to your own library that you simply cannot afford to miss this ticketed event!

See the AALL Annual Meeting registration form for registration details. You must register for this luncheon when you register for the annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Musings from Mark

by Mark Mackler
Folger Levin & Kahn

I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND IT...but it was worth it. Go to the West Group website, then to "Customer Service" and then to "Newsletters." From there you can find *Practice Innovations: Managing in a Changing Legal Environment*. Volume 4, Number 1 (March 2003) features an article on "Challenges to Law Firm Executive Directors in 2003." It focuses on a Glasser LegalWorks-sponsored Law Firm Executive Director and CFO Forum held in New York in October 2002. The topic was law firm mergers and acquisitions.

I always knew that law firm mergers and acquisitions were all about profits, but I never saw it spelled out with such clarity and coldness.

John Feldkamp of Brown & Wood stressed that the key to success in its merger with Sidley Austin was to focus on the big picture, "e.g. the benefits of the merged entity rather than employee concerns over potential layoffs."

William Bachman of Bingham Dana pointed out that "successful mergers are revenue driven." The upper tier of a firm is usually clearer on the benefits than the lower tier.

Brad Hildebrandt reminded the attendees that mergers involve lawyers and clients, not staff.

Stephen Wells of Mayer Brown told of reducing nonlegal head count expense (e.g. secretarial, word processing and office services staff) by 50 percent.

And, my favorite of all: Abe Isenberg of Brobeck detailed Brobeck's "well-considered multiyear plan to increase the efficiency of support staff while maintaining the culture and values of the firm. Brobeck reduced head count by 27 percent while improving secretarial performance...Brobeck's plan is a good example of how to make reductions more palatable to partners, lawyers, and support staff."

DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN...recently passed away. He was one of my idols. As a public servant

and scholar, he had a great appreciation of the role of libraries in American culture. As you might know, he was born to a poor family but worked his way up to prominence. He made no secret of how important libraries were to him. In a November 2001 article in the *New York Post*, he wrote:

When I was a kid I shined shoes in Times Square after school. Saturdays, offices closed at noon, and I would make my way over to the Fifth Avenue Library up into the Great Hall, check my shoeshine box at the cloakroom with nary a comment. Halfway up the grand staircase there was a vast painting titled "Milton aveugle dictant 'Le Paradis Perdu' a ses filles"—I was learning French! Inside the catalog room I would make out my book slips and turn them over to the librarians at the round desk at the center. The books would arrive, and I would make my way into the glory of the Reading Room. A citizen of the republic of letters! Such was my New York.

IN THE LAST "MUSINGS"...I called for NOCALL to consider naming our scholarships and grants after deceased members. Several folks called me on the carpet for failing to mention Lydia Freeman. The omission wasn't intentional. Lydia passed away after I submitted the column. I'll miss Lydia's upbeat take on things, and I'll miss her smile.

FINALLY...If I might borrow a line from Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*: "Been away. Now I'm back!"

Attention Simmons GSLIS Alumnae/i! Come one, come all to the 4th annual Simmons GSLIS Alumnae/i Reception at AALL in Seattle, Sunday, July 13 at 5:30 PM. Watch the final conference program for exact location.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie Burke (sjburke@bu.edu ; 617-353-8853) or Raquel Ortiz (rmortiz@bu.edu; 617-353-8855). We look forward to seeing you there!

Ten Years before the Public Law Library Mast

by Richard Schulke
San Francisco Law Library

I truly can not believe that ten years working for the San Francisco Law Library has mostly flown by - except for the occasional patron that was so horrible that time seemed to stop or go excruciatingly slowly. I have been very fortunate to find a job that I love so much, combined with great bosses and enthusiastic, professional co-workers. I am extremely lucky to have had an epiphany while working as a student assistant at Golden Gate University's law library to realize that law librarianship is the career I wanted. I was also privileged to learn from such superb librarians as Mohammad Nasralla, John Adkins, and the director Brent Bernau, while I worked at Golden Gate.

In my ten years at the San Francisco Law Library I have seen some huge changes in who uses our library, and how they use it. First and foremost the number of pro per patrons has increased every year. I have also witnessed in the last decade the birth of Internet legal research and the death of the card catalog in paper form. I have seen and dealt with just about every possible legal scenario out there, and just about every week. We have had a patron who wrapped himself in tin foil, including even a tin foil lining for his hat (to stop the rays beaming at him from the government, aliens, etc.) and a patron who wore long fishing waders every day for years. There was one patron whom I found living in the crawl space of the fourth floor bathroom in City Hall. He was always the first one at the library when we opened because he was living inside the building. We had a patron accuse a librarian of sending people with "noisy shoes" to walk past his table. One of my favorite stories involved a City Hall advocate for transgender persons, Shelly, who wore the worst wig I have ever seen - it looked as if a wild animal had died on top of her head several years before. Shelly helped me learn once again not to judge a book by its cover (or wig) as she turned out to be a brilliant former law professor and lawyer who taught me a lot about the law, legal research, and people.

Working at the Law Library when it was in City Hall was something that I will miss, but not totally. We

had books stored all over City Hall, in storerooms and attics that time had forgotten. We had books stacked to the rafters in one attic space where I had to walk through narrow canyons of books blazed by some intrepid librarian from the turn of the century, praying every second that there would not be an earthquake that would bury me in superceded out of state codes. I will also miss the excitement of being in the middle of a very active courthouse, with attorneys and clerks running to and fro. And it would be totally remiss of me not to mention our ladders. Several of the stacks in our main reading room were about 25 feet high, so we had to use painting ladders to reach the books stored on the top. Thankfully I was an experienced rock climber; there's nothing like risking one's life to bring down an armful of Alabama Attorney General Opinions from the 1940's to brighten one's day! The library was located across the hall from eight public phone booths, which usually had a line of attorneys or clients waiting to use them. With the advent of cell phones that scenario is just a memory. And absolutely nothing was the like the old City Hall basement cafeteria, with cigarette smoke so thick it obscured the no smoking signs, and the endlessly turning hot links, that forced me to guess which links were the fresh ones, if I was brave enough to try one.

Then there was the move from City Hall for the seismic retrofit. My God, I don't think I ever worked as hard at a project! We packed box after box of books, many of which had to be retrieved from innumerable little hidey-hole storage areas. I believe the entire staff was covered in book dust for a month! Then a few months later we had to shift the entire collection at our temporary location into Library of Congress call number order (we had used our own Byzantine system for many years). That task was like the world's greatest jig saw puzzle, but a lot heavier. After the move to our long-lasting temporary home in the War Memorial building, the nature of our clients changed somewhat, with far more pro pers, paralegals, and students than we ever saw in City Hall. I also began to use the Internet a great deal more than I ever had for legal research and I now answer legal research questions online two hours a week for the county law libraries' 24/7 live reference program. The library now also has public access computers for legal research; our home page is filled with useful links, and we even lend out disks and CD-ROMS, concepts I

never would have imagined ten years ago! However the greatest asset in the law library is the librarians. My colleagues currently and in the past have shown an incredible talent for finding an answer for an amazingly diverse set of legal questions under the theory of “it’s got to be here somewhere, lets find it, we are the pros from Dover.” I only hope that I can do as fine and enthusiastic a job as they have. Lastly, I have been lucky enough to have to great bosses who have been excellent in their support of the library’s staff, and have allowed me to grow in my job; thanks a lot, Mary and Marcia! Thanks for the memories (well most of them); I hope I will have ten more years to share with you one day.

Well, its time to get back to the desk, which I know will never, never be dull for this law librarian.

Register Now to Attend CONELL in Seattle

Attention newer Law Librarians, there is a pre-AALL conference program that you really shouldn't miss. Each year the AALL Mentoring Committee hosts CONELL (Conference of New Law Librarians) the Saturday before the start of AALL's Annual Conference. We want to see you attend this meeting on Saturday, July 12, 2003. The purpose and goal of this program is to welcome you to the organization, introduce you to the Association and its Leaders, provide you an easy and comfortable setting to network with colleagues, and impart some of our "best practice" tips, in order to assist you in getting the most benefit out of the Annual Conference.

This year's program, in Seattle, is shaping up to be very informative and enjoyable. Lunch will be held at Ivar's Salmon House and will be followed by a deluxe tour of Seattle. Points of interest during the tour will be a visit to Hiram Chittenden Locks, Salmon Ladder, Magnolia Bluff, and a driving tour of the waterfront, International District, and the famous Pike Place Farmers Market. To learn more about the hosting city, visit <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/local03/>.

Registering for CONELL is as simple as turning to your Preliminary Program for the AALL 96th Annual Meeting, p. 44 or a registration form is also available online at: http://www.aallnet.org/events/03_registration.asp. Note there is \$100.00 pre-registration fee required and the deadline (Postmark June 6, 2003) is quickly approaching.

For additional information about this Conference, please visit the CONELL website, <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/conell2002.html>

Librarian Conference Ends in Prison

by Sherry Takacs

Now that I have your full attention, I must elaborate on the happenings of the First California Tri-Chapter Spring Institute. Sponsored by NOCALL, SCALL, and SANDALL the meeting was held March 14-15, 2003 at Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo, CA. This year's theme was “Meeting the Future: Dynamic Law Librarianship in the 21st Century.” Total attendance was 174 with the breakdown as follows: NOCALL—35, SCALL—77, SANDALL—13, WESTPAC—1, Undesignated—48.

I was fortunate enough to be the humble recipient of a NOCALL Grant to attend this special Spring Joint Institute. I'd like to write about my personal experience at the event. I saw this as an opportunity to do statewide networking with my fellow colleagues since I was laid-off and seeking employment. I decided I was going to enjoy the “full experience” and signed-up for the preconference seminar and the California Men's Colony library tour.

I attended a day-long course on Thursday, March 13th sponsored by West Librarian Relations and Thomson University, facilitated by Kaylene Weiser and coordinated by Jane McMahon. “Life in the Fast Lane for Informational Professions” explored the dynamics and responses to “change” in the workplace as well as one's own personal life. Several exercises were implemented within small groups to demonstrate perceptions and resolutions to change. The video “Who Moved My Cheese” expressed the variations of how each individual reacts and adapts to change. Approximately twenty-three librarians attended this electrifying and empowering session.

That evening, I joined a group of attendees to explore San Luis Obispo's well-known and loved weekly Farmer's Market Street Fair. I discovered it was more than just fruit and veggies with artists and musicians displaying their talents at this nighttime block party, now celebrating its 20th anniversary. Eventually, after making several purchases, we dined at one of the downtown establishments.

The next day was abuzz with activity: registration, talking with people I hadn't seen since graduate

school, and meeting with the vendors. I set-up the Placement Table with binders: one filled with job announcements among all the chapters and the other with resumes, mine included. I attended a portion of a three hour video re-broadcast “Safeguarding Our Patrons’ Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA Patriot Act and Related Anti-Terrorism Measures.” The 9/11 event was the catalyst to changes in the law encompassing greater power for law enforcement in searches and seizures.

The return of “60 Sites in 60 Minutes” took us “Around the World (Wide Web)” once again. More aptly, the renamed title was “60 Semi-Useful and/or Semi-Silly Sites in 60 Minutes”. Facilitated by Jenny Kanji, Team Lead, Librarian Relations Group, LexisNexis and her cohort-in-comedy Robert S. Ryan, Law Librarian, Hill, Farrer & Burill LLP, we all got side stitches from laughing so hard. Robert’s distinction between serious and silly websites was determined by outrageous headwear changes including safari and fez. And speaking of hats, one of the popular sites was “Hats of Meat” along with “People who look like their dogs.” All sixty useful and funny URLs can be found at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/events/60sites.shtml>.

It is difficult to report on all the sessions and speakers. Two dealt with ethnic legal issues. I did not attend “Islamic Law” by Dr. Rasha al-Disuqi but heard very favorable reviews about it. Islamic Law (Shari’a) is based on the Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah, the latter being the precepts of the Prophet. I attended “The Past as Future: Issues in Native American Law” by Nancy Carol Carter, Director and Professor of Law, Legal Research Center, University of San Diego School of Law. Topics covered tribal sovereignty, environmental/water rights, gaming, and dwindling land tenure.

Anne G. Lipow, Director, Library Solutions Institute, discussed “Virtual Reference in the 21st Century Law Library Environments: Does it or Doesn’t it Belong?” Discussion revolved around reference and research being completed via an internet link to the library in “virtual” real-time Q&A chat sessions. This type of digital interaction takes place 24/7, much of it being a nation-wide cooperative effort. Such programs in

existence include California State Library plus ten California County Law Libraries 24/7 Reference Project and five law firms in New York City are pilot testing Legal Reference Services Inc., as a subscription service. See <http://www.247ref.org/asklib/law.html> and <http://www.lrsionline.net>.

Finally, I joined several other librarians for a library tour of the California Men’s Colony. Prior to our arrival, we had to submit personal information for a security clearance. Once at the facility, we had another security check. Our tour guide was Senior Librarian Joan Lienemann. She answered our many questions. Her staff is made-up of inmates. Her collection houses everything from picture books, to all genres to legal materials located in closed stacks. There is a stiff fine for books that are not returned to the library which is paid out of the inmate’s prison work salary. No computers, only a few typewriters are located in the library. On our way back, we walked THE BLOCK (outside quad area) while inmates were behind fenced-in areas. I learned it takes a very special person to be a librarian for a correctional institution.

Reflecting back, my experience at this year’s event encompasses a multitude of thoughts and emotions. It was fun to meet librarians from the other California chapters along with a gal by the name of Gigi who visited from Florida. She has a passion to visit all of California’s missions. I wonder which ones she finally saw on this particular trip? I got suggestions and support from fellow librarians on job prospects. I was able to find out about important topics to librarians as we enter the 21st century. In summation, I was inspired with a new energy to continue my job quest in the law librarian field. Thanks and kudos to all the people from all the chapters and vendor sponsorship that helped put together a great program.

New AALL Publication: Beyond the Boundaries

Beyond the Boundaries is the report of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age. The report describes possible models of academic, private, and government law libraries of the future, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of each model. Ordering information for this publication can be found on the AALL web site at http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_beyond.asp.

California legislative history publications available online. Including Tips on How/Why to Use Them.

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I. Legislative Bill Information:

1993 to current

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>

*Bill versions

Final Calendar

*Senate & Assembly Committee analyses

*Senate & Assembly Floor analyses

Votes

Veto Messages

**Tips on how/why to use: The courts tend to rely most heavily upon these records. Overall tip: Be sensitive to dates (bill versions & related analyses).*

Example: That analysis comment you just love might have been nullified by a subsequent amendment.

1. **Bill versions:** Trace the evolution of a legislative proposal from introduction to final enactment. (Courts pay attention to “language in, language out”).
2. **Analyses:** Provide useful descriptions, including but not limited to: (a) The problem addressed; intended changes to prior law; (b) rationale/intent for such changes; (c) descriptions & intent of amendments adopted during the legislative deliberations.
3. **Alert:** Not all legislative analyses are posted. In particular, partisan caucus analyses and many superceded analyses don’t make it in. These can be obtained from State Archives and/or the legislative offices.

II. California Statutes & Amendments to the Codes:

1850 - 1992

<http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>

NOTE: This link is *not* provided via the legislature’s official web page

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html> . For some reasons it is a well kept secret -- maybe because it is prone to lock up your computer because the files are so huge. So make sure you have no other applications open and keep your fingers crossed.

1993 – current

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>

Tips on how/why to use:

1. Trace the evolution of a statute. (Courts pay attention to “language in, language out”.)
2. Obtain the citations from an annotated code book (West’s or Deering’s).
3. 1872 Code Enactments are not available online. (Find at county law library or ABA accredited law school. (Statute year & chapter number)
4. [NOTE: The chaptered laws are located via bill number in this database. I.e., you have to use a conversion chart to get from the chaptered law number to a bill number. See my complimentary online manual on how to do this. <http://www.lrihistory.com/guide.pdf> , Chapter 4, pages 1 and 2. You can find the referenced Assembly Final History volumes with conversion charts at <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>]. If you get stuck at this point, call me and I’ll either do it for you or coach you through it if I have time. (916) 442-7660 or (800) 530-7613.] Once you have the bill number, click “Bill Information”. Scroll to the right “Session” (year), “House” (Senate or Assembly) and insert the bill number. The top choice under “Bill Text” is the chaptered law.
5. See above NOTE re: huge files and locked-up computers.

III. Journals of the Assembly & Senate (*Think “Diary”*)

ASSEMBLY JOURNALS

1849-1994.

1. <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>
NOTE: This link is *not* provided via the legislature’s official web page <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html> . For some reasons it is a well kept secret -- maybe because it is prone to lock up your computer because the files are so huge. So make sure you have no other applications open and keep your fingers crossed.
2. <http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>
NOTE: Go to the drop down box that says “Journals” and select year. An index of the volumes for that year will load. Select “Journal of the Assembly – Index to Regular Session”. A bill number search can then be done my scanning through our related index titles. The Adobe word search feature does not seem to work for these years. Also, the indexes do not print well and are unreadable for 1849-1970. 1971-1994 print fine.

1995 – current session.

<http://assembly.ca.gov/clerk/billslegislature/srchframe.htm>. Select “Assembly Daily Journal” for the Publication Type. Enter your date range or single date and hit search. The indexes for these years are not online. Search must be done day by day using the Find word search feature in Adobe Acrobat. Very tedious.

SENATE JOURNALS. The Senate does not have a complete journal archive online like the Assembly. They only have journals for the current & immediately previous sessions. Find **Dec. 2000 – current session** at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/senate-journal.html>. Indices are not available but the pdf docs are word searchable.

Additional tips on how/why to use:

1. Find published letters of intent by individual legislators & committee chairs, opinions by legislative counsel, citations to agency reports (to obtain elsewhere), Governor veto messages, vote records, etc.
2. Generally it takes 2-3 years for the Legislature to publish hard copy indices for these volumes – available at ABA accredited law schools and at the large county law libraries.
3. The early year journals also have appendices with agency and/or committee reports (up through 1970). These were not included in the online database however.

IV. Final Histories of the Assembly & Senate *(Calendar of events attaching to each bill and more)*

ASSEMBLY**1881 – 1995.**

<http://192.234.213.35/clerkarchive/>

NOTE: Again, beware the potential for crashing your system per above notes on this link.

1993 – current.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>. Click “Bill Information” and follow the prompts.

SENATE

The Senate does not have an extensive archive online like the Assembly. They only have **1993 – current** at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>. Click “Bill Information”. Scroll to the right “Session” (year), “House” (Senate or Assembly) and insert the bill number. Click the 2nd choice, “History”.

Tips on how/why to use: See my complimentary online manual <http://www.lrihistory.com/guide.pdf>, Chapter 4.

Law Library Advocacy Map on Highway 101

Joan Allan-Hart, Chair
SANDALL GRC
Michele Finerty, Chair
NOCALL GRC

Two years ago the Council of California County Law Librarians (CCCLL), NOCALL, SANDALL, and SCALL formed an alliance to strengthen the voice of law librarians in California state government. The successful campaign to have Governor Gray Davis veto Assembly Bill 2648, a bill potentially harmful to the operation of public law libraries in each of California’s 58 counties, demonstrates the impact of a united effort. Comments from the letters of Annette Heath for CCCLL and David McFadden for SCALL were cited in the Bill’s August 9, 2002, Senate Floor Analysis in the “Arguments in Opposition” section.

As part of an ongoing strategy to support and educate California chapter members in becoming effective advocates for law library concerns, CCCLL, NOCALL, SANDALL, and SCALL GRC committees developed and presented a program entitled “Law Library Advocacy Map on Highway 101” in San Luis Obispo on March 14 at the 2003 NOCALL/SANDALL/SCALL Joint Institute.

“Law Library Advocacy Map on Highway 101” featured a panel of three speakers who are experienced navigators in the ways of local and state government. Carolina Rose, moderator and panelist, is President of Legislative Research, Incorporated and the former Sacramento Chief of Staff for California State Senator Nicholas C. Petris. Dr. Allen Settle, Professor of Political Science at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, specializes in municipal government, finance, and public administration. Dr. Settle served in elective offices as mayor, city council member and has been active on a number of city commissions. The third panelist was Don Fields, who is experienced in lobbying, investigative news reporting and legislative bill writing. Mr. Fields served as bureau chief and producer at KRON-TV in San Francisco and is president of RF Communications.

Each panelist agreed that term limits are a failure and that lobbyists have a better institutional memory than

legislators, who are preoccupied with the budget deficit and reelection. There exists a partisan environment in state government, the members are more divisive in grappling with issues and legislators are in survival mode, trying to get through the next year. Savvy advocates turn these conditions to their advantage and the panelists suggested that law librarians do the same by using their skill to research topics for the benefit of representatives and legislative staff. Build coalitions with other groups taking your position because there is strength in numbers. Experienced advocates pay attention to the legislative committee system, where proposed legislation moves forward or dies. While constituents have more influence at the offices of their local representatives, law librarian advocates should identify key staff at both the district and Capitol bases and maintain contact with them.

Law librarians have a good head start in being effective advocates. We do our homework on legislation, we join forces with colleagues to form a base of support, and we engage in letter-writing campaigns to government representatives. Learning to identify important players behind legislative issues and cultivating direct contact with them will assist us in becoming more sophisticated advocates.



**Memorial : Lydia H. Freeman
(1942 – 2003)**

**by Lille Koski
Sideman & Bancroft LLP**

Lydia Freeman, law librarian at Hanson, Bridgett,

Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP (San Francisco) for over twenty-four years died March 19, 2003 after a two year battle with cancer of the stomach lining. In October 1978, Hanson Bridgett was a firm of twenty attorneys when they hired their first librarian, Lydia. In February 2003, the firm had 117 attorneys and three offices but still only one librarian—the remarkable Lydia H. Freeman.

She was born Lydia Hernandez in Manila, the Philippines on July 3, 1942 and grew up with one sister and two brothers. Lydia attended the University of the East in Manila with her best friend, Elisa Deang. They both received B.S. degrees in Library Science and shortly thereafter moved to New York City. While working for Coopers & Lybrand in Manhattan, Lydia went on to earn her M.L.S. from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

In 1978 with Elisa married and now living in San Francisco, Lydia decided to come to California also. She met her husband, Bob Freeman and started her law library career that same year.

Both Bob and Lydia are quiet, shy, and reserved. Bob claims that if it wasn't for the elephant, Big Bertha, the two would never have met. Bob occasionally drove to Reno for the weekend. However, one time he decided to take the bus. Elisa and her mother wanted California newcomer, Lydia, to visit Reno so they also took the bus that same weekend. When Bob boarded the bus for the return trip, there were only a few empty seats. As he sat down next to Lydia, Bob noticed casino owner John Asuaga's elephant being led past the bus. Bob pointed "Big Bertha" out to Lydia and they became acquainted on the four hour bus ride back to the Bay Area. They were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church in San Francisco.

Lydia had a beautiful singing voice, loved to play the piano and sew. She and Bob started a doll collection. Lydia made her wedding dress, children's clothes for nieces, nephews, and godchildren, and doll's dresses for the doll collection. She continued taking piano lessons all her life.

Because Lydia was a solo librarian and a very modest person, few librarians knew what an outstanding professional she was. Lydia handled every aspect of her position with precision and skill. One had only to step into her library and this became evident. The

collection was thoughtfully arranged for law firm lawyer use. Everything was neat and organized—books, audiovisual material, newspapers and periodicals, library financial records, subscription and filing material. Lydia could put her hand on the most obscure piece of paper at a moment's notice.

Lydia handled change with style and aplomb—the firm's growth, more demands on the library's resources, the advent of technology, reduction of the print collection, library budget considerations were managed so well by Lydia that the firm didn't think they needed an additional professional librarian. In March 2003, shortly before her death, Hanson Bridgett named their library the Lydia H. Freeman Library in her honor. Lydia may have been small in stature but her shoes will be impossible to fill by one person.

Lydia, a sweet, gentle person, was loved and admired by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband, Bob, her mother, two brothers, one sister, numerous nieces and nephews that she was so proud of, and her lovely cat, Helga.

Lydia was a member of AALL, NOCALL, and one of the founding members of the San Francisco Mid-Size Firm Librarians Group. She always attended local educational programs and institutes to keep abreast of the changes in our profession. Her firm, Hanson Bridgett and the Northern California Association of Law Libraries will miss her terribly.

**Additional comments by Bernadette St. John
St. John & Associates Law Library Consulting:**

I got to know Lydia when I was her account manager. What I remember most about Lydia was that she always had a smile for everyone. I always looked forward to visiting her and her firm Hanson, Bridgett. I was there every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Over time, Lydia and I became friends.

She was so organized and helpful. She also noticed the small things. I remember in the winter, my shoes used to get drenched because I would walk over from 505 Montgomery to her office at 333 Market. She would insist on drying my shoes at her space heater before I got started. She would also get me a coffee to warm me up! I remember mostly the kindness of Lydia.

She also was very much in love with her husband. That's for sure! She had a beautiful picture of the two of them at her desk. She used to tell me how much she loved him and also told me how the two of them met. For those of you that don't know - it was on a gambling bus on a Saturday from San Francisco to Reno!!! She told me that she thought he was so nice and handsome and hoped that he would call when they both got back home. He did and the rest is history!

She also used to tell me how the commute from Dixon was really quite a hike. She used to try and sleep on the commuter van. Much as she loved working at Hanson, she looked forward to the day when she didn't have a 2+ hour commute each way each day! She was very dedicated.

Sometimes I would share a bagel with Lydia in the morning. She always wanted to see any vacation pictures that I had and wanted to know how my family was doing.

Besides being a phenomenal law librarian, she was a phenomenal person. I feel privileged to have known her. I am sure that up in heaven, she is welcoming the newcomers, getting them a coffee, and drying out their shoes, too.

Thank you for sharing your life and your kindness with us Lydia. We miss you!

A big hug,
Bernadette



The Lydia Freeman Library at Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP

**NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 24, 2002**

The crossover meeting of the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 Boards was held at Santa Clara University.

Present: Ellen Platt, Susanne Dyer, Jacqueline Grossman, Sue Welsh, Yvonne Boyer, Donna Williams

Absent: Erin Murphy, Coral Henning, Marlowe Griffiths, Todd Bennett, Mary Hood

resident Ellen Platt called the meeting to order at 1:00

1. Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 2002 Meeting

Approved as corrected from original draft.

2. Announcement of Committee Chairs & Liaisons - Ellen distributed committee list with contact information

AALL Liaison – Shirley David (Ellen)

Academic Relations – Karen Lutke (to be determined)

Archives – David Bridgman (Susanne)

Audit & Budget – Lynn Lundstrom (Ellen)

Awards – Sue Welsh (Sue)

Constitution & Bylaws – Prano Amjadi (Susanne)

Consulting – Pam Cline (Ellen)

Education – Karen Zilla (Susanne)

Government Relations – Michele Finerty (Ellen)

Grants – Peg LaFrance (Jackie)

Membership – Holly Riccio (Yvonne)

Newsletter – Tina Dumas (to be determined)

Nominations – Jane Metz (to be determined)

Placement – Mary Staats (Yvonne)

Public Access – Coral Henning (Coral)

Public Relations – Pam Rino (Sue)

Spring Institute – Susanne Dyer

Union List – Pati Traktman (Yvonne)

Web Page – Leslie Forrester (Jackie)

3. Treasurer's Report (Jacqueline)

Jackie submitted the report as of August 31. She got the books at the beginning of August. She has not received very many dues receipts yet and will contact Holly. She received a letter from IRS, forgiving penalties assessed because of late filing

previous years. We will ensure that this doesn't happen again. Distributed a form for submitting reimbursement requests, to be used for all requests. She will ask Leslie put it on web site so anyone who has incurred expenses can use it. Mileage reimbursement for today's meeting can be the first use. The CD we have was just renewed for another year.

4. Budget

Lynn submitted a partial budget – Ellen said liaisons should contact committee chairs to submit budget proposals to Lynn if not already done.

5. Joint Spring Institute Update (Susanne)

The California Joint Institute will be in San Luis Obispo, February 28-March 1, 2003. Along with Susanne, Sushila Selness (SANDALL) and Diana Jaque (SCALL) are co-chairs. There will be a conference call tomorrow to discuss more planning. "Riding the Storm into the Future: Navigating in Uncharted Waters" is the working theme. Susanne has requested that Barbara Bintliff be the AALL visitor. She will be invited to be the luncheon speaker. So far, SANDALL will handle finances; NOCALL to handle registration; SCALL will be in charge of education. Exhibitor committee will be decided during the conference call. All agreed that vendor letters should be sent immediately so they can reserve the dates and plan for possible sponsorship of events. Karen Lutke and Carolina Rose have volunteered to be on committees and Susanne will e-mail others who have volunteered. Ellen suggested putting Institute information on one web site with links from the others. Susanne suggested that a day-long program sponsored by Thomson University could be on Thursday before Institute, with Thompson paying for everything.

Karin Zilla is checking with the PLI center in SF for a possible location to view the terrorism video on December 11. This is a satellite feed sponsored by several library organizations.

6. Various reports from committees

- Ellen congratulated the Government Relations Committee for its glorious victory in helping to defeat SB2648, which affected the San Diego County Public Law Library

in

- Academic Relations – Karen Lutke reported that Career Day will be in Berkeley for the SIMS students on October 7
- Audit and Budget – Lynn Lundstrom submitted a partial proposed budget
- Consulting – Pam Cline – has had two calls, one asking about court rules (she suggested court web pages) and another asking for a recommendation for a Biotechnology treatise (she suggested *Law Books in Print*)
- Education – possible showing of terrorism video (see above)
- Government Relations (see above) Michele Finerty forwarded a copy of the letter she received from Annette Heath, President of Council of County Law Libraries, thanking NOCALL for its support in the defeat of SB 2648 (letter included for records)
- Membership –Holly Riccio reported that most dues renewals are in. She has passed along names of those who volunteered for committees to the respective committee chairs
- Newsletter – Tina Dumas plans to publish first issue of the year early next week – The president's column will be devoted to memories of Bev Lipton.
- Placement –Mary Staats reported that job listings are down. No word yet on who got the position at Clifford Chance.
- Public Relations – Pam Rino is getting estimates to purchase a NOCALL banner
- Union List – Pati Traktman will send reminder message that the Union List is still available for \$120
- Web page – Leslie Forrester is keeping up the web page. More members volunteered for this committee than any other.

7. Procedures Manual Changes – committee chairs should send changes to Erin

8. Planning for the Year –

- January – Marines' Memorial– Ellen will check with West for sponsorship and set date
- February -- During the Institute, Ellen might invite officers from all chapters for a reception
- May - Tentatively to be in Sacramento – Ellen will ask Coral for ideas, and perhaps old and new Boards could meet then also.

- July - Reception at AALL should be well attended – Ellen will start planning now, along with SCALL and SANDALL presidents, and perhaps WestPac and LLOPS.

9. Education Workshop Ideas –Teleconference on Terrorism (see #5, above)

10. Miscellaneous

- SCALL's 50th anniversary celebration, December 4 in LA. Either Ellen or Sue will represent NOCALL.
- Internet Librarian – Kerry Prindiville is coordinating to receive discount for CA librarians
- A get well card for Erin was passed around for all to sign.
- Membership Directory – Ellen will contact Holly so she can start working on it. Previously, the Daily Journal generously underwrote the publication. There was a discussion about possibly putting it online for members only.
- Liability insurance for the Chapter through AALL. Jackie will pay it.
- Members only portion of web site – possible items for inclusion: membership list, Union List, Newsletter? Ellen will ask Leslie to investigate.
- Dues Increase? Discussion about possibility of increasing the dues \$5-10 per year over a period of two or three years. Ellen will ask Prano to investigate the procedure for implementing.
- NOCALL mailbox – Jackie is checking it weekly
- Sue reported that she had an acknowledgment from AALL for NOCALL's contribution to the AALL Memorial Fund (letter included for records)

Ellen adjourned the meeting at 2:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Welsh
Substitute Secretary

NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 24, 2002

The meeting was held at the Santa Clara University. There were approximately 12 members present.

President Ellen Platt called the meeting to order at 2:34

1. Acceptance of the Minutes from the May 20, 2002 Business Meeting

Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Announcement of committee chairs – Ellen announced the following committee chairs and asked for volunteers from those who weren't already on committees.

AALL Liaison – Shirley David
Academic Relations – Karen Lutke
Archives – David Bridgman
Audit & Budget – Lynn Lundstrom
Awards – Sue Welsh
Constitution & Bylaws – Prano Amjadi
Consulting – Pam Cline
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3. Treasurer's Report (Jackie Grossman)

Submitted a report through August 2002, which does not reflect dues income because she has not yet received the checks. She received a letter from the IRS, granting our request to waive penalties for past late filings. She also submitted a form to be used for submitting reimbursement of expenses. It is to be placed on the web page so that all will have access to it. Since this is the first time such a form has been used, she welcomes feedback, and reminded us that receipts should be attached.

4. Joint Spring Institute update (Feb. 28 – Mar. 1 in San Luis Obispo)

Susanne is working with Sushila Selness (SANDALL) and Diana Jaque (SCALL) to present the Joint Institute. The working theme is "Riding the Storm into the Future: Navigating in Uncharted Waters." She asked for volunteers to help on various committees. Registration is NOCALL's responsibility.

5. Committee Reports

Academic Relations – Karen Lutke reported that Diane Rodriguez will speak for NOCALL at SIMS Career in Berkeley on October 7.

Audit & Budget – Lynn Lundstrom sent a partial budget based on the figures she has received so far

Awards – Sue won't be working on this until after Christmas, but asked the members to be thinking of persons to nominate.

Constitution and Bylaws. – Ellen asked Prano to investigate the procedure and timeline for a possible dues increase

Consulting - Pam Cline has had two calls, one asking about court rules (she suggested court web pages) and another asking for a recommendation for a Biotechnology treatise (she suggested *Law Books in Print*).

Education – Karin Zilla reported that a Satellite Conference on Terrorism (USA Patriot Act - how will it impact law libraries?) will be presented on December 11. The cost for the satellite feed is \$350 and she is looking for a location. She has a call in to PLI in San Francisco. The program could be the Fall Workshop, but if not that, then what? There was a suggestion to buy the tape for \$450, which could be shown locally in several locations. Karin said she would coordinate the meetings. She is also thinking of asking staff from Congressional offices or Mary Minnow (library law expert) as possible speakers – Karin and Susanne will keep discussing and come up with a program.

Grants – Susanne will coordinate with Peg LaFrance to get forms ready for the Institute.

Membership – Ellen will ask Holly to send out another message about dues so a new membership directory can be compiled. There was a short discussion about an online version for members only.

Newsletter – Tina Dumas, editor, plans to publish the first issue of year next week.

Nominations – Jane Metz reported that Mary Ann Parker, Todd Bennett, and Linda Weir are on the committee. So far, they are doing well, but are still looking for volunteers or names of persons who might run for office.

Placement – Mary Staats sent a message that postings are down and that she does not know anything about someone being hired at Clifford Chance.

Public Access – Coral was not there but Sue reported that Coral is to be a speaker at the California Library Association meeting in November. She will speak about legal sources for non-law librarians.

Public Relations – Pam Rino is investigating prices for obtaining a NOCALL banner.

Union List – Pati Traktman sent a message that there are still copies of the new list available. Ellen will ask her to send out a reminder announcement.

Web Page – Contact Leslie Forrester for any information which should be posted on the web site.

6. Planning for the year

- January – Marines' Memorial in San Francisco. Ellen will contact West for possible sponsorship
- March - Joint Institute. – Ellen would like to host a reception for the officers of the three chapters. More details later.
- May – maybe meet in Sacramento. There is still time for selecting a time and place
- July – Joint reception in Seattle – Ellen suggested inviting WestPac and LLOPS so there would be another “alphabet soup” reception. The three presidents from CA will try to find a sponsor.

Adjournment

Ellen adjourned the meeting at 3:25

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Welsh
Substitute Secretary

AALL Advocacy Training Workshop

The Government Relations Committee (GRC) and Washington Affairs Office are cosponsoring the 4th AALL Advocacy Training Workshop in conjunction with our 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle! The half-day workshop will be held the morning of Saturday, July 12th, from 8:30 to noon, and there is **no registration fee**.

The goals of the workshop are twofold: to introduce you to the most important current issues on AALL's legislative agenda, and to give you the skills you need to participate effectively in our advocacy program. This year, the hottest issues on our agenda include:

- the Federal Depository Library Program in the 21st century;
- balance between public access to government information and national security concerns;
- fair use in the digital environment;
- database legislation; and,
- permanent public access (PPA) to federal and state electronic government information.

While all these issues are extremely important to law libraries, the last issue, AALL's advocacy initiative on permanent public access, is brand new and very exciting! This is a major AALL initiative and we need a great turnout of members who share our concerns about the loss of electronic state government information and are willing to begin to work in their home state to do something about it!

Speakers for this session include the 2003-04 GRC chair, Elizabeth LeDoux; GRC members Richard Matthews, Judy Meadows, and David McFadden; and Mary Alice Baish, Associate Washington Affairs Representative. In addition, Carolina Rose, president of Legislative Research, Inc., will talk about her 7-years of experiences as a staff member in the California state legislature and share practical tips about the do's and don'ts of lobbying.

In addition to providing updates on these current issues, the workshop will also cover the best methods of capturing your legislators' attention; how to approach a meeting with your legislators or their staff; how to set legislative priorities; and how to work with your chapter and other state organizations on any of these important issues. If you are tired of sitting on the sidelines and want to add your voice to make AALL a stronger player on the legislative front, now is the time to join our advocacy efforts.

We are limited to the first 60 registrants and hope this year to have broad coverage from every chapter and every state. If you have attended a previous workshop, please help us by inviting others in your state who might share your interest and enthusiasm in our advocacy efforts.

AALL recognizes the importance of these training sessions as a benefit for our members and will cover the costs of this session so there is no registration fee. If you are interested in attending the July 12th session, all you need to do is send an e-mail message with your contact information by May 16th baish@law.georgetown.edu, subject line: 2003 Advocacy Training.

AALL Diversity Symposium
Affirmative Action after Grutter & Gratz: Where do we go from here?"
Saturday, July 12, 2003 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Judy Floyd Evans, Chair, Committee on Diversity

Allen Moyer, Symposium Coordinator, George Mason University School of Law Library Madeline Hebert,
Symposium Coordinator, Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library

Our speakers will be Mr. Curt Levey of the Center for Individual Rights (<http://www.cir-usa.org/>), a conservative public interest group located in Washington, D.C. and Henry McGee, Jr, former prosecutor and civil rights attorney, now distinguished Professor of Law at Seattle University, in Seattle Washington. (<http://www.law.seattleu.edu/faculty/profiles/mcgee?mode=standard>),

As most of us are aware, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to rule on a Couple of consolidated cases involving the University of Michigan and its use of affirmative action to achieve a diverse student population. This is potentially a major ruling from the Supreme Court and could very well set the tone on the issue of affirmative action, for the next few decades.

With so many individuals and various groups being quite vocal about their position on this issue and given the field that we all work in, the Committee believes that a panel discussion/debate on the significance of this ruling would be a most interesting and timely topic for this year's symposium.

Please join us for what will undoubtedly be a lively debate. Representing the argument against the use of affirmative action (in higher education) is Mr. Curt Levey of the Center for Individual Rights. On the side favoring the use of affirmative action, we have Henry McGee, Jr, former prosecutor and civil rights attorney, now distinguished Professor of Law at Seattle University, in Seattle Washington.

The Association gratefully acknowledges LexisNexis(tm) for its support of this program.

The AALL Mentoring Committee encourages you to participate in the **2003 Mentoring Project** as either a mentor or mentee.

The purpose of the Mentor Project is to provide, in an informal and personal setting, the opportunity for newer members of the profession and those more experienced members who want to share the knowledge they have gleaned over the years, the ability to communicate together and build a network of professional relationships.

The Mentor Project is open to librarians from all types of libraries. There is no requirement to attend the Annual conference. Each participant will be matched as closely as possible to other member profile preferences. The AALL Mentoring Committee will review all applications.

If you are interested in participating, please visit our website at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html and submit your mentor or mentee application by June 1, 2003. In addition, take a moment to review our selection of articles and tips on mentoring. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, January 22, 2003, 10-11:30am
Boardroom, Marines' Memorial Club, San
Francisco**

Board members present: Ellen Platt, Coral Henning, Jackie Grossman, and Susanne Dyer. Ellen Platt called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

1. Acceptance of September meeting minutes - The minutes were accepted as written.
2. Treasurer's report and tax update
 - Jackie brought the report for the quarter ending Nov. 31, we have had more income than expenses (see report for details).
 - Taxes were filed shortly after Thanksgiving, we have not heard anything from the State of California or the IRS; we may owe California about \$25.
 - Expense reimbursement form: Jackie sent this to Leslie Forrester to put up on the website. Discussion ensued about where best to put the link so it was easily found. Thoughts were: on the front page; on the Treasurer's page; on the page with committee listings, so all links connect to a PDF of the form that anyone could print.
3. Election update - The Nominations committee presented a strong slate of candidates. Erin will time the ballot mailing so that they will be returned to her by March 7 and the board can count them at the Joint Institute in San Luis Obispo. Ellen will poll the board closer to the event to choose a time to meeting to count the ballots.
4. Budget (see copy of budget) - Jackie expressed concern that the budget totals far exceed our possible revenues and actual funds on hand. The board discussed how best to bring the requested amounts into closer alignment with actual expenses. Jackie will find and share the actual expenses for the last 2 years with the board, then we can discuss the budget via email and accept a more realistic budget for 2002-2003.
5. Mechanics and discussion of a dues increase - As per Ellen's request, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee submitted a short report outlining the process of amending the Bylaws and giving historical background on past dues increases. (See attached report.) To summarize, this amendment should be straight forward since we are only changing dollar figures and no other language; once the language is drafted, it is forwarded to the AALL Bylaws committee for inspection to assure it is in line with their Bylaws. Members will be asked to vote on the increase at the May business meeting; a majority approves the amendment, the increase can go into effect for 2003-2004.

The Board discussed the amount of the increase, and the impact particularly on student members with multiple memberships, by a 4-0 vote (with approval by Sue Welsh, Yvonne Boyer and Erin Murphy via email): Active - from \$25 to \$35; Associate - from \$25 to \$35; Retired - from \$10 to \$15; and Student - from \$7.50 to \$10.

Ellen will request that the Constitution and Bylaws committee draft the proposed Bylaw change and communicate it to the membership in a timely fashion.
6. Update on the Joint Spring Institute: Mar. 13-15, San Luis Obispo - Susanne summarized the planning to date. It will be at the Embassy Suites. Westlaw will provide a pre-program seminar on Thursday on life in the fast lane.
7. Various reports from committees

AALL Liaison: Nothing to report

Academic Relations: NOCALL, together with the San Andreas Chapter Special Libraries Association and the Northern California and Nevada Medical Libraries Group, co-sponsored SIMS Career Day in October 2002. The event was well attended by SIMS students, librarians and information specialists. A reception followed with delicious catering arrangements made by Jenny Kanji and added to the success of Career Day.

 - Coral Henning, Sacramento County Public Law Library, was a panelist in the first Career Fair via Video Connection sponsored by San Jose State University SLIS and San Andreas Chapter SLA held in October 2002. The Fair was telecast to four CSU locations and was a great success.

- Plans are currently underway for the SJSU-SLIS Career Day to be held in Spring 2003. Information will be posted to the list.

Archives: Nothing to report

Audit & Budget: The committee is gearing up for the audit and will confirm with Jackie Grossman that they have all the necessary documents.

Awards: The committee is seeking nominations for the Professional Achievement Award. An article with details will appear in the Jan/Feb Newsletter and more information is also available on the webpage under their committee link. The deadline is April 2, 2003; the award will be presented at the May business meeting. The committee is chaired by Sue Welsh and Mark Mackler and Liza MacMorris are its members.

Constitution & Bylaws: Recent actions were researching the bylaws amendment process and reporting this to the board (see the attached document).

Consulting: Pam has received periodic phone calls and advises people on titles to select or places to find information.

Education: Karen Zilla made her report at the business meeting

Government Relations: Has been quite busy planning their March workshop which will hold in conjunction with the Spring Institute, on Friday afternoon. Michelle and Ellen also discussed the respective roles of the committee and the board and clarified actions to be taken independently, others which require board or Presidential approval. They also discussed how to respond to informational bulletins and requests for action from the AALL Washington office. Ellen recommended that the President be assigned as the board liaison to this committee. (See email message from Ellen to board clarifying the activities of the GRC and the role of the board.)

Grants: See Peg LaFrance's report under the Business meeting minutes. AALL is giving NOCALL a one-time award of registration fees for the Seattle meeting to award to a newer member who is also a member of AALL; the committee will make the award of the money.

Membership: During the business meeting Yvonne Boyer reported that the directory is nearly ready for proofreading. The deadline for updating your entry or renewing your membership is Friday, Jan. 24.

Newsletter: The Jan/Feb issue will be published on February 1.

Nominations: Nothing to report.

Placement: There have been some positions posted to the list recently.

Public Access: The Public Access to Legal Information committee made a presentation "Building Essential Legal Research Skills and Law Library Basics" at the California Library Association's annual meeting in Sacramento on Nov. 18th. Jean Willis and Coral Henning spoke before a standing room only crowd of 73 participants. The next day the committee along with members of CCCLL (CA council of county law librarians) conducted a poster session providing outreach from county law libraries. The committee has been asked to participate at the next CLA meeting in Ontario in Nov. 2003.

Public Relations: Pam is working on updating our brochure and finding a logo so she can have a banner made. She will send in the registration form for the NOCALL table in the Activities area at AALL, but will be unable to attend the meeting. Coral Henning (and most likely Leslie Forrester) will coordinate activities on site. They will work with Pam on the planning. The column in the Daily Journal will now be on the Opinions page for better visibility.

Spring Institute (see Susanne's info in item 6 above)

Union List: Pati Traktman reports about half of the new lists have been sold (60 out of 120)

Web Page: The committee will be meeting next week. Subcommittees will be formed and assigned to different aspects of nocall.org. Future plans would include adding a search engine and mounting the Union List.

8. Planning for the rest of the year (reminders about upcoming meetings)
 - Institute, board doings President's dinner, Thursday night
 - March board meeting? Not necessary if ballots are counted in SLO, see item 3 above.
 - April 22 & 23 Glasser Legal Works, SF Hilton
 - May meeting: Thur., 5/22, Rio City Café, Old Town Sacramento
 - AALL: Joint reception reminder, Sat. July 12

9. Miscellaneous:

- Global Securities offer of sponsorship - Ellen and Susanne received an offer for their sponsorship of a luncheon, with a short presentation about their product. The board discussed the rotation of business meeting location, that would be 2 in SF, with the possibility the Spring Institute may also be there. Susanne will call to get more information and report back.
- Government relations and NOCALL policy stands: See attached document
- SCALL's 50th anniversary -- A report on events from Sue Welsh: A short report will also appear in the newsletter.... It was quite the affair and well attended, and at the site of their first meeting at USC. The events included a short of librarians in the movies, a short history of SCALL and Sue's presentation of the NOCALL Resolution recognizing their anniversary. She thanked NOCALL for allowing her to attend. She sent copies of the program, invitation and the NOCALL resolution to Ellen who passed them on to the Archives committee.
- Barclay's fiche set update: Currently the set is available through UMI. Hein has considered producing it, if there is sufficient interest and estimates it would require a minimum of 10 subscriptions; until there is more interest they will not produce the fiche set. Ellen noted there are at least a dozen academic law libraries who would likely purchase the set should Hein produce it.
- Membership directory : see Yvonne's update at the business meeting
- California VIP to AALL: The three chapters will jointly sponsor one VIP; costs to the chapters are travel and hotel, AALL pays their registration fee. The chapter presidents have decided to make the selection of the VIP, with the approval of their boards, to streamline the process. After discussion, it was determined to see if we can find an influential and dynamic Legal Administrator to send as the VIP; Ellen's back up suggestion is the Director of Career Services at Santa Clara, who is currently the national President of NALP (National Association of Legal Placement). More as things develop.

- AALL rotating grant money, one newer NOCALL/AALL member: AALL's intent is to send a newer chapter member who is also an AALL member. In the event that no one applies who fits that criteria, the board will suggest that the Grants Committee consider NOCALL/AALL members with longer service and volunteer activities.

10. Changes to procedures manual -- Jackie has updated the Treasurer's portion. Ellen's Presidential calendar is an unofficial document which she will send to the board and her successors in the hope it will be useful.

Vendors as board members and officers, discussion, is a conflicts policy enough? Discussion focused on whether anyone, vendor or not, can balance the demands of their jobs with service to NOCALL, and status as a vendor should not automatically exclude anyone from leadership positions. Rather than rewrite membership categories to be more exclusive, the board thinks drafting a conflicts policy (and adopting it as a resolution or amending the bylaws, whichever is more appropriate) to guide officers, board members, and committee chairs would be more useful.

NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 22, 2003, 1-2pm
Commandant's Room, Marines' Memorial Club,
San Francisco

Approximately 55 members were present at the luncheon meeting. Ellen neglected to ask someone to take minutes and so these were written after the fact, based on her recollections.

Ellen thanked Nancy Nash and West Group for their sponsorship of the luncheon. David Cochran briefly described the Life in the Fast Lane workshop to be held in conjunction with the Joint Spring Institute in March.

1. Acceptance of September meeting minutes - The minutes were accepted with no changes.
2. Treasurer's report - Jackie reported modest income and few expenses.
3. Election update - The Nominations Committee presented an excellent slate of candidates to the Board, elections will be held in February.
4. Budget - the board discussed the budget but did not adopt it because of concerns that actual expenses are far less than the proposed budget totals which far exceed our assets. The Treasurer will present actual expense figures for the past 2 years to the board which will then modify the proposed budget and notify committee chairs following its adoption.
5. Update on the Joint Spring Institute: Mar. 13-15, San Luis Obispo at the Embassy Suites
6. Update on 24/7 - Shirley David: Due to links included on court web pages public requests for information have jumped from a handful a day to about 50 per day. Many of the requests can be answered by reference to self help materials available on court and other websites, but the link seems to get public members to ask their question rather than reviewing available materials first. She asks for more libraries to become involved in answering questions through the project. Contact her if you are interested in helping out.
7. Various reports from committees (see board minutes for others)
 - **Membership** directory and renewals status: see minutes for board meeting,
 - **Grants:** Deadline for the Institute is February 14. Deadline for AALL/SLA is April 11. One grant was awarded to Jean Willis for attendance and presentation at California Library Association meeting. There will be a joint VIP grant with SANDALL and SCALL. The attendee will be chosen by the chapter presidents not the Grants Committees.
 - **Awards:** Professional Achievement Award nominations. Ellen repeated Sue's message calling for Nominations
8. Changes to procedures manual -- chairs, please submit yours to Erin Murphy
9. Planning for the rest of the year
 - March 13, 14 & 15: Joint Spring Institute, San Luis Obispo
 - April 22 & 23: Glasser Legal Works, San Francisco Hilton
 - May 22: NOCALL Business luncheon and meeting: Rio City Café, Old Town Sacramento
 - July 12: AALL - Pacific Chapters Joint Reception, Saturday, 6-9pm
10. Mechanics of a dues increase: Ellen summarized the process of a board proposal to increase dues and its reasoning and the proposed amounts (Active - from \$25 to \$35; Associate - from \$25 to \$35; Retired - from \$10 to \$15; and Student - from \$7.50 to \$10), language drafted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and a vote at the May meeting. There were a few questions from the membership, how long since the last increase (10 years), and how our proposed and current dues compare to other chapters, Ellen didn't know and will find out for further discussion.
11. Miscellaneous Announcements:
 - SCALL's 50th anniversary -- report on events from Sue Welsh (see Board minutes)
 - Barclay's fiche set update (see Board minutes)
 - Joint California VIP to AALL -- Legal Admin, anybody know one?
 - Helping coordinate the NOCALL table at AALL
 - Debi Mazor reminded people of the upcoming PLI program in San Francisco. Watch for the flyers which should have arrived this week.

Membership News

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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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Calendar of Events

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

2003

- ∅ July 12-16, Saturday through Wednesday
AALL Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
- ∅ July 12, Saturday
Joint Western Chapters of AALL Reception (SCALL, SANDALL, WestPac, NOCALL), Seattle WA
- ∅ September 17, Wednesday
NOCALL Business Meeting and reception sponsored by Global Securities