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## President's Message

by **Susanne Pierce Dyer**  
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I live in a grape growing area, and our neighbors' vines are heavy with fruit and the air is starting to be redolent with the sweet aroma of the crush. Along the coast, summer fog is giving way to September sun, and, of course, law school is in full swing again.

By whatever measure you use, summer 2003 is over and it is time to look forward to new beginnings. I hope most of you were able to attend the Fall Business meeting which followed the luncheon sponsored by Global Securities. At that meeting, we talked about what the Board plans for this year and also heard reports from some of the committee chairs about their plans for the coming year and what they have already accomplished.

In addition to the 2003 Spring Institute which was the first ever California Tri-Chapter Institute (NOCALL, the new SANDALL, and SCALL), we have several other firsts coming up.

For instance, the Board is considering a Conflict of Interest Policy to apply to officers and committee chairs and members. As far as I can determine, this would be a first for NOCALL and possibly a first for any AALL chapter. Essentially, the proposed policy reiterates what most of us do automatically, i.e., place the association's interests first when we are working on NOCALL matters, but it might be a good reminder for all of us.

We are also discussing some guidelines for commercial sponsorship of NOCALL events. I am very grateful to Global Securities for sponsoring the luncheon which preceded the Fall Business Meeting, but it is undeniable that the wording on the invitation, etc. seemed to give their luncheon more importance than the general business meeting. Several members have called this to my attention, and I take full responsibility for making the decision to combine the luncheon and the meeting and also for not checking on the wording of their invitation.

When the Board has adopted final language, both policies will be posted on our web site. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other Board member if you have any thoughts on either commercial sponsorship or a NOCALL conflict of interest policy.

As you may have noticed, we have a new committee and a new task force this year. Mark Mackler agreed to chair a committee to devise a meaningful, permanent memorial for our late members, and Janet Fischer chairs a new task force on consortia. The goal of the task force is to investigate multi-type law library consortia such as NELLCO and the Midwest Law Library Consortium to determine what they offer their members, what forming and operating such a consortium would entail, and whether something like that would be feasible for our members.

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Karin Zilla and the Education Committee have been busy putting together what should be a fascinating Fall Workshop "Value – Define It, Discover It, Deliver It" which will be held Wednesday, 12 November 2003. You can find the details in Karin's article in this issue – I hope to see you there! The other committees are also hard at work on projects that benefit all of us.

Speaking of commercial sponsorship, by now, you should have received your directory courtesy of the *Daily Journal*. The *Daily Journal's* Andrea Torres and our own Ellen Platt worked long and hard on this, and I am already finding it invaluable. I hope you noticed the enclosed membership renewal form and have already sent it off together with your indication of any committee that you would like to work on this year. (If your directory and renewal form did not reach you, you can download the form from our web site.)

Over the summer, the NOCALL listserv migrated to AALL. It is necessary to re-subscribe, another new beginning. You can get all the information on our web site if you read the section that begins "Do you know about the changes to the NOCALL list-serve?" and then click on [HERE](#). Joan Loftus has worked very hard with NOCALL making the transition as smooth as possible, and she and Leslie Forrester work hard to keep the information up to date on our web site.

As you can see from my brief observations above, the accomplishments of NOCALL depend upon the dedication and hard work of many members. My thanks to you all! Between us, I think we can make 2003-2004 another banner year!




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### NOCALL Consortium Task Force

This new NOCALL task force will investigate the possibility of creating a consortium for our members on the theory that "buying in bulk" saves money and time. The mission of the task force is "to look at law library consortia in other parts of the country to see what they offer their members (what benefits do members derive from membership and what are their obligations), and whether such an undertaking would be useful or feasible for NOCALL." We need a few good people to join us in this investigation! If you would like to be part of this task force, please contact:

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 Thank you!

## Professional Reading in Review

by Susan Llano and Erin Murphy  
UC Davis Law Library

***“Volumes are Giving Way to Velocity,”*** by Douglas McCollam, **National Law Journal**, v.25, no.46, July 14, 2003, p.S1.

It is not new to find that more and more libraries are giving up print (and space) in favor of electronic sources. What may be surprising to some is that this switch to online research is not cheaper. The author relies on data from the Second Annual AmLaw Tech Library Survey (part of which appears in the article) to show how costs are still rising in law firms. It is not just that electronic databases may cost just as much or more than their print counterparts, but that firms are finding that they have to pay more for professional researchers and IT specialists. There are also problems dealing with vendors. As some vendors continue to buy up multiple services and then raise prices, librarians feel like they are caught in a bind and forced to pay rising costs with few options. The author ends the article claiming that as the role of the library keeps changing, it will still be seen by many as a sanctuary....a quiet place to do research away from the noise and distractions of the firm.

***“The New Law Library,”*** by Joan L. Axelroth, **The Recorder**, August 20, 2003.

The subtitle to this article is “Content, infrastructure and personnel now compete for the money that used to go toward finding enough space for all those books”. This article discusses a lot of the same issues as the one by Douglas McCollam(above). The author notes the trend of increasing library costs and smaller physical libraries. She breaks down the services that the library must offer into four categories and offers some ideas for ways in which firms can recover costs, either billing for library staff time and/or online search charges. The author also offers suggestions for ways in which one can calculate the benefits of what the library does provide; it helps to have facts and figures at hand when trying to justify a funding request.

***“Libraries, Users, and the Problems of Authorship in the Digital Age,”*** by Laura N. Gasaway, **DePaul Law Review**, v.52, Summer 2003, pp.1193-1227.

The author spends the first part of her article discussing what is meant by “authorship” and how the term has changed through history. Authorship is obviously important to libraries for it is one of the key elements for bibliographic control. Catalogers through the years have dealt with the different problems associated with trying to find authorship of a work while sifting through issues such as multiple authors, translators, pseudonyms, etc. With the advent of digital materials, librarians face new challenges. Ms. Gasaway describes the problems faced by libraries dealing with these digital materials (such as sequential authorship as different people take over web sites and change content). She ends by offering some alternative methods for on-line bibliographic control.

***“Managing the Reference Desk Online,”*** by Greg Sennema, **Reference Services Review**, v. 31, no.3, p.257-263.

Once you get more than one person staffing the reference desk, you often encounter communication issues. Branch libraries can create similar problems. How can everyone share experiences, sources, news items, and other information? This article relates an academic library’s solution to this question: create a weblog. In addition to being an online bulletin board of information for the reference staff, it also allowed them to keep track of especially challenging questions and the sources that were used. This helped them compile statistics and also provided management with actual examples of the types of questions they were handling.

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**“Blogs for Public Lawyers,”** by Jerry Lawson, August 31, 2003,

<http://www.llrx.com/festures/publawyerblog.htm> .

Continuing on the theme of blogs, Mr. Lawson details the beauty of the tool for public lawyers. However, the 4 benefits he discusses apply to lawyers and librarians in other fields as well. Mr. Larson also includes a very thorough list of questions one should ask before becoming a blogger.

**“The End of History,”** by Fred Kaplan, June 4, 2003,

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2083920> .

Mr. Kaplan brings up a downside of e-mail: the loss of hardcopy resources available for the future researcher. We all are familiar with the issue of disappearing electronic sources of government documents but Mr. Kaplan reminds us of how crucial memos, letters, and notes are to writers of biographies and chroniclers of historic events. Creating knowledge management systems are one way of capturing institutional knowledge but should there also be a method of retaining the thoughts and proposals that went into the creation of the contract or brief?

### **The Informed Librarian,**

<http://www.informedlibrarian.com>

This is not an article but a website that compiles tables of contents (and links to full text where available) of information-related journals. Currently covering 275 titles, this site provides entry through both an alphabetical list and a subject collection. By providing an email address, you will be notified when the website is updated (usually around the first of the month). The site also includes a featured article, list of editor’s picks, and will soon include a search function.



## **Employment Listings**

Looking for a Job?

Be sure to check the JOBS portion of our web page <http://www.NOCALL.org>

Positions are usually posted within 24 hours of receipt.

## **What Are YOU Reading?**

by Nora Levine  
Reed, Smith, Crosby & Heafey

Todd Bennett, Thelen Reid & Priest:

I've just finished reading **A FINE BALANCE**, by Rohinton Mistry. This is a beautifully written epic that tells the story of four friends in modern day India, beginning around the 1950's and concluding in the 1980's. I loved reading this book and felt sad when I came to the last page. The characters in this story experience both great joy and absurd tragedy in the complex landscape of life in India. I found this to be one of the most compelling stories I've read in a long time.

Keith Blean, The CA State Water Resources Control Board:

**RUNNING WITH SCISSORS** by Augusten Burroughs: an almost unbelievable memoir of a very memorable youth together with its sequel **DRY**. These titles will scandalize those who are judgmental among us. If you want more look into **I SHOCK MYSELF**, the autobiography of Beatrice Wood.

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Meredith W. Casteel, Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlahos Rudy, LLP:

I've just finished **LONG FOR THIS WORLD**, the second novel by Michael Byers. Fiction, this was a far cry from my standard mystery/crime drama, but I really enjoyed it. The story is set in Seattle before the dot com bust, and is about Henry, a geneticist working on Hickman's disease, his wife Ilse, who is going through a non-dramatic mid life crisis, and their growing children Darren and Sandra. The story centers around Henry's work, a promising medical breakthrough, and a beloved patient, but is woven through the lives of the other characters with true-to-life rendition. There are elements of sarcastic comedy and realistic sadness in this slice-of-life story.

Pamela K. Cline, Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP:

**THE LAST GOOD KISS** by James Crumley. I stumbled upon this so-called "detective or crime fiction" book that really is one of the best novels I've read in a long time. Its story-within-a-story literary technique curls within the pages like the coiled tail of a 'rattler' waiting to strike. This book definitely transcends its genre. An authentic tale, it gives one a birds-eye-view of grim passions and people's utterly enthralling ability to choose between giving into or overcoming hardship and abuse. It is a tender and sensitive rendering of humanity, nonetheless, that barrels forward with a kind of blind eye. The perfume of glorious enigma permeates the pages and at times the characters' pain is almost palpable. This book is a mixture of O'Henry or Joseph Conrad or Mary Shelley's use of a larger story to encapsulate one or more smaller stories; an envelope with two or three messages in it addressed to the reader. You may laugh and cry. If you read mysteries, or even IF you hate mysteries, this is a stunning portrayal of the Pacific Northwest, its people and places, in all its raw and multi-faceted glory.

Terry Dean, Institute of Governmental Studies Library:

We just finished **SEABISCUIT** by Laura Hillenbrand for our book group. I loved it! A story of "true grit", both man and beast. She develops the characters so well you can see them, hear them and feel them without seeing the movie. (Although I thought the movie did a pretty good job all things considered, and I fell in love with Seabiscuit -- what a guy!) I also have enormous respect for Laura Hillenbrand after reading the story of her illness in the July 7, 2003 issue of *The New Yorker*. That, combined with her interview with Terri Gross on "Fresh Air" this summer gave me a sense of what drew her to this story - one of accomplishment against all odds. Inspiring.

Jane Evans, Administrative Office of the California Courts:

Tony Horwitz. **BLUE LATITUDES: BOLDLY GOING WHERE CAPTAIN COOK HAS GONE BEFORE.**

I recently purchased some retirement property in Captain Cook, Hawaii, but realized that I knew almost nothing about the historical figure whose life ended there. Tony Horwitz retraced Captain James Cook's voyages of exploration of the Pacific, and writes about the history of the voyages as well as the current environment in the areas first visited by the English explorer.

The book is an engrossing mix of history, social commentary, and humor, and takes the reader from England to Alaska to Australia and such points in between as Tahiti and Niue, finally ending, as Captain Cook did, on Hawaii.

I'd recommend it to history buffs, armchair travelers, and anyone interested in an amusing but thoughtful look at our Pacific basin neighbors and their native culture and history.

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Julie Watters, Morrison & Foerster:

**I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE DOES IT** by Allison Pearson. I think this book has been called "Bridget Jones' Diary apres Marriage and Kids". In addition to being terribly funny, it really does present an accurate, if somewhat depressing, view of what it's like to be a working mother. Some of the situations hit so close to home that I couldn't laugh. Recommended reading for any woman wondering how she'll juggle it all. A friend of mine got her husband to read it and he said, "Is it really like that?"

**THE HEMINGWAY BOOK CLUB OF KOSOVO** by Paula Huntley. I discovered this one on the "New Books" shelf at my library. Ms. Huntley traveled to Kosovo with her husband in the fall of 2000 when he went there to work for the ABA. I remember reading about her husband in the *The Recorder* a few years ago. She had been a teacher when she was younger, so she got credentialed as an English as a Second Language Teacher before she left. This book started out as a diary of her impressions of life in Kosovo. She gets to know and comes to love the people of Pristina. She discovers a copy of *The Old Man and the Sea* and she photocopies it for her students. The language is simple enough for them to follow and the story serves as a metaphor for what they have endured. The book club then lets its members tell their stories in a safe setting. In all the stories I've read about the Balkans, I never learned about the Kosovars. This book tells their stories and really made an impression on me about the importance of reaching out and giving back to others.

**THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA** by Lauren Weisberger. Trashy beach reading that finally reveals a plot. Not a great plot, but a plot. I read it on the beach over the Fourth of July. It is the literary equivalent of fast food, not very satisfying in the long run, but fun in the short run. I only hope that it doesn't get made into a movie though. It is the story of a young woman named Andrea who lives in New York. She goes to work for a famous fashion magazine and has a monster for a boss. The author worked for Anna Wintour at *Vogue* and this book is supposedly based on her experiences there. Andrea really wants to write for *The New Yorker* and thinks that if she pays her dues for a year, she'll be able write her own ticket.

If you like fashion, you may enjoy this look behind the scenes; otherwise, skip it.

Read in May, but still on my list as one of the best books I've read in a LONG time, **THE RUSSIAN DEBUTANTE'S HANDBOOK**, by Gary Shteyngart. This is the laugh-out-loud story of Vladimir Girshkin, a Russian immigrant who works at a refugee resettlement agency in New York where he meets the Fan Man. The book tells the story of his search for love and his trip to the mythical Eastern European city of Prava, where he gets involved in an elaborate Ponzi scheme thanks to the Fan Man's son, the Groundhog. When this book was first published, critics raved about it and I was a bit skeptical. I'm happy to eat crow and admit I was wrong. Shteyngart's use of language, particularly one that is not his mother tongue, is quite impressive.

**AROUND THE HOUSE AND IN THE GARDEN** by Dominique Browning. This memoir tells the story of the collapse of the author's 15 year marriage and how she. Each chapter deals with a different room of her house, piece of furniture or aspect of her garden. These serve as metaphors for the feelings she experienced. She learns to heal a broken heart by retreating into the sanctuary that is home. I really enjoyed the images her writings evoked.

**CRABWALK** by Gunter Grass. This book examines German suffering during World War II. Crabwalk is a metaphor for the way that Germany has dealt with this issue over the years. Grass's very readable book is about a journalist named Paul who was born immediately after a German ship carrying refugees was sunk by a Russian U-Boat. His pregnant mother was a passenger on the ship. This fact plays a major role in his life. While doing research on the Internet, he comes across lots of information about the sinking and related events. He also uncovers lots of present-day Nazi opinions that have disturbing consequences for Paul and his family.

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**RUNNING WITH SCISSORS** by Augusten Burroughs. A very interesting but bizarre memoir detailing the life of a boy who is sent to live with his mother's psychiatrist following his parent's divorce. His mother fancies herself a young Sylvia Plath and aspires to have her poetry published in the New Yorker. She is mentally ill and has no regard for her son's welfare. Moving into the psychiatrist's house is like going from the fire into the frying pan. Somehow, our narrator survives this truly dysfunctional childhood. The cultural touchstones that he includes about the 1970's, i.e., Jean Nate, Ford Pintos, macramé vests, paint a very vivid picture.

Donna Williams, 6<sup>th</sup> District CA Court of Appeal:

**KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL: ADVENTURES IN THE CULINARY UNDERBELLY.** Anthony Bourdain

In Kitchen Confidential, Chef Tony, from New York City, gives insight into the culinary world and what really happens in restaurant kitchens. Having worked in two restaurants before I got into law librarianship, I thoroughly enjoyed his take on the kitchen and the industry. He tells it how he sees it, which can get colorful if not vulgar. No pulling the wool over anyone's eyes. A good read all the way to the end.

**A COOK'S TOUR.** Anthony Bourdain

You may have seen the Food TV Network's show, *A Cook's Tour* where Chef Tony travels the world in search of the best meal. The book from which the show was created, goes into detail about the making of the show and his adventures traveling, meeting people and eating around the globe. You see culture, food and people in true form. He's hilariously honest and gives his most basic opinion on everything. I highly recommend both books. They are great reads.



### The Internet Librarian 2003

The Internet Librarian 2003 meeting is going to be held in Monterey on November 3-5, 2003. Information about the conference and program can be found at:

<http://www.infoday.com/il2003>.

A group discount is being offered to NOCALL members, but each individual member needs to submit their registration form along with payment to a central point and submitted as a group order.

Please forward your completed registration to **Coral Henning** by October 2, 2003. For more information, contact:

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A copy of the conference registration form is located at:

<http://www.infoday.com/il2003/IL2003Registration.pdf>.

## Musings from Mark

by Mark Mackler  
Folger, Levin, & Kahn

**As we enter another program year for NOCALL and NOCALL News...** I thought that it might be a good idea for me to go into my “Musings” files to dig up some “leftover” items which never made it into the Column. I believe they’re just as relevant now as they were a few years ago.

**Harry Potter’s Hogwarts School Librarian...** They dropped their voices as they entered the muffled stillness of the library. Madame Pince, the librarian, was a thin, irritable woman who looked like an underfed vulture.

**From the “Wall Street Journal,” April 4, 1997...** Want to be a Manager? Many People Say No, Calling Job Miserable. They Cite Stress of Handling Bosses and Subordinates, Ending Up in the Middle.

- Too many meetings
- The more you do for people who work for you, the more they expect
- The Dilbert Factor: Managers are morons and enemies
- The extra pay isn’t worth the extra work
- Necessity to supervise people spread over different locations
- Need to support decisions you had nothing to do with, or might even disagree with
- Threat of management-level layoffs

**“Overload: There’s Just No Way to Save All the Information of the Information Age,” The New Yorker, March 8, 1999...** One of the great ironies of the information age is that, while the twentieth century will undoubtedly record more data than have been recorded at any other time in history, it will also almost certainly lose more information than has been lost in any previous era.” The crux of the problem is that while the pace of technological change increases so does the speed at which each new generation of equipment supplants the last. For example, in the 1980’s, the National Archives transferred some 200,000 documents and images onto optical disks—the cutting edge of new technology at the time.

However, it’s uncertain whether or not the Archives can still play them because they depend on computer software and hardware that are no longer on the market.

The clay tablets that record the laws of ancient Sumer are still on display in museums around the world, and many medieval manuscripts written on animal parchment still look as if they were painted or copied yesterday. Modern books printed on acidic paper are already turning to dust. Black-and-white photographs will last for centuries, but most color photographs become unstable within thirty or forty years. Videotapes deteriorate much more quickly than traditional movie film does. The latest generation of digital tape is considered to be safe for only ten years.

Adding to the problem of the instability of the storage medium is the problem that no one inside or outside of government is making tough decisions about what to store or what to throw away. The danger is that our vast accumulation of records makes it nearly impossible to distinguish the essential from the ephemeral. Six rows of shelves on a single floor in the National Archives hold all the documents generated by the Supreme Court in its first one hundred and forty years. However, the Court’s papers from the last sixty years take up the equivalent of about half a city block.

**And Now, Back to the Present...** I had been away from the Financial District for fourteen months. What’s changed? I notice the vacant stores and vacant office space. Foot traffic on the streets seems to be way down. It’s easier to get a seat on BART or Muni. The number of people begging on the street has increased, and so has my ability to walk around them without even thinking about them. I’m not proud of that...





## Seattle in July! The 2003 AALL Annual Meeting

**Gerald Clark**  
**San Francisco Law Library**

Imagine the surprise and thrill of logging into your e-mail and seeing the subject line “Congratulations! You are a grant winner!” I had just received a generous and welcome grant from NOCALL for the American Association of Law Libraries 96<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, in Seattle, Washington!

I am a newer law librarian, so my director asked me to sign up for CONELL, the Conference of Newer Law Librarians.

CONELL consisted of half a day of lectures and breakout sessions, and a half-day of guided tour of Seattle and near environs. The short lectures introduced the group to the varied activities of the AALL and its standing committees, while the breakouts provided opportunities to talk to committee members and get to know your fellow participants. I enjoyed talking to the various AALL activity representatives, and I was quite intrigued to learn that a fairly high percentage of the librarians in my subgroup (including me) were in their second careers.

The half-day Seattle tour (including a delicious seafood lunch at Ivar’s) was a great opportunity to meet more people and build friendships, while learning something of the history of the city.

The meetings began in earnest the next day (Sunday). Armed with my list of what I wanted to attend I plunged into the day with sessions on disaster planning and business research. I came away from the disaster sessions with the nagging and unanswered question of why do we persist in storing so much of our valuable, perishable materials in the BASEMENT with its pipes and usually inadequate drainage? This day also saw the first of two Plenary Sessions. This one dealt with the “Future of the Past,” wherein we learned that there are many forces pushing for change in libraries, and that libraries should act as change agents, with law libraries leading the way. It was like being in library school all over again.

Monday began with the second Plenary, “Bifocal Vision,” which explained how we could keep ourselves focused on change, create the future, and survive our creation. Otherwise I spent Monday and Tuesday in sessions dealing with library and patron issues, and American Indian issues. The presentations on San Diego Public Law Library’s programs to teach legal research, and Seattle Public Library’s security training, on how staff might deal with ROC (Rules of Conduct) violations were very instructive. The American Indian law sessions were also engaging. The Native Peoples Law Caucus late Monday provided a further introduction to American Indian law issues. I rounded out these two days with a session on the Innocence Project.

The last day, Wednesday, was devoted to a presentation on the virtual reference program in Connecticut and surrounding states—quite impressive given the multiple jurisdictions involved. I finished the conference with “30 acquisitions sites in 30 minutes.”

Of course the AALL meetings were not all work and no play! The exhibits were interesting and educational, and quite a bit of useful “loot” was accumulated (haven’t had to buy pens at the library for years...!). Both West Group and Lexis put on lavish receptions, and I also attended the Pacific Coast Chapters and the State, County and Court Law Library (SCCLL) SIS receptions, and the SCCLL breakfast.

I thoroughly enjoyed the AALL meetings and social events. The meetings introduced me to a wide variety of issues, concepts and sources; I saw a lot of interesting products at the exhibits; and CONELL and the social events enabled me to meet and compare notes with a lot of people from a variety of backgrounds, geographical locations and types of libraries.

I thank NOCALL and the Grants Committee for selecting me to receive a generous and very welcome grant to attend the Seattle AALL meetings!



## My First AALL

by Susan Nevelow Mart  
UC Hastings College of the Law

I just got back from Seattle, where the weather was warm, the clouds were magnificent, and the seafood was fresh. Seattle was the perfect place for my first AALL: not too far away (read expensive to get to) but with plenty of things to do and see that are unavailable in the Bay Area. The ferry to Bainbridge Island, a scenic half hour from Seattle, cost less than my daily BART ticket.

I went up a day early, to attend the Legislative Advocacy Workshop. The group has just published a state-by-state "Report on Permanent Public Access to Electronic Government Information" at

[http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/State\\_PPAreport.htm](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/State_PPAreport.htm) and at  
[http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/State\\_report.pdf](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/State_report.pdf)

One state will be chosen to lead the effort to pass a uniform state law. Joan Allen-Hart of the San Diego County Public Law Library wrote California's report. California is one of the states that has not even started the process of addressing permanent public access to government information on the Web. I predict California will have such a law. This group of people knows how to get things done.

The rest of the conference was just as interesting as the workshop, and of course, you get a chance to meet everyone. The president, past presidents, award winners, vendors, and presenters are all friendly and available. You just have to go up and introduce yourself. If you have an issue or comment, people want to hear about it. So I got to talk to BNA representatives about the cost of their resources and to the editor of the AALL Spectrum about having a humor column. I met people from law libraries all over the country.

I had a lot of fun and I learned a lot about current ideas in teaching. *Cyber Advanced Legal Research: Educating the Lawyers of Tomorrow* was on incorporating the teaching of current computer applications into a legal research class. *A Legal Research Survey: Maximize Legal Research Relevance* presented the results of a formal survey on the research habits of practicing lawyers.

Thanks so much for the NOCALL grant that made it possible.



## AALL Through the Eyes of a Department of Water Resources Librarian

Mary Ann Parker  
Law Library  
Department of Water Resources

Anybody who hasn't recently been held incommunicado by space aliens knows that State government is experiencing a gigantic budget crisis, and the Chief Counsel at the Department of Water Resources said I would not get authorization for reimbursement of my expenses should I decide to attend the AALL Annual Meeting this year. (I think her words were on the order of a regretful but firm "No way!") This year I was Chair of the AALL Awards Committee and one of the duties of the Chair is to preside over the Awards Ceremony that is part of the Association Luncheon on Monday. The President announces the winner(s) of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, but the Awards Chair announces the 8 other awards given by the Awards Committee. I knew I had to be there, and I am always glad to go to Seattle in July, but still... That's where NOCALL came to my rescue with a travel grant. And here is how I put it to use (besides the Awards presentation).

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I had two or three committee/SIS meetings to go to and the usual receptions sponsored by law library vendors (you know who), but found the time to attend a couple seminars that were interesting. My favorite was the plenary address by Peter Young, the Librarian at the U.S. Agricultural Library in Washington D.C. (or the other Washington, as it was called all week.) His topic was librarians in the post-modern age. I had a little trouble with the term “post-modern.” To me, “modern” refers to what is happening now, a sliding scale if you will. What was modern in 1968 (when Peter graduated from library school) is not modern in 2003. Not to him.

Apparently the Internet, cell phones, laptops and PDA’s are typical tools of the Post-modern Age, and typical behavior is to use them in various or all combinations at the same time. His example was a photo of his teen-age son, sitting at his PC with a cell phone pressed to his ear and rocking out, I presume, to music from the computer’s speakers. OK, I thought. Post-modern, I’ll try to work it into my vocabulary. That was the thinking part. What I particularly liked about his presentation was how he worked agricultural themes and facts into the talk and the powerpoint slides (postmodern again!) he used. He was a librarian, sure, but he worked for the Dept. of Agriculture, and he said that the business of his enterprise was agriculture not libraries. I have always felt the same about working for DWR, where the business is water, not law.

As always, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet informally with my NOCALL colleagues over the course of 5 days. I also am glad that the tradition of an all California reception at the Annual Meeting is firmly established, although this one included the local group (LLOPS) and WestPac. And my thanks go to Ellen Platt and her opposite numbers at SCALL, SanDALL and the other West Coast chapters for organizing the reception on Saturday rather than Tuesday night! More people were able to attend without the prospect of dueling receptions or missing it altogether because of leaving the Annual Meeting early.

Finally, I am grateful to NOCALL for making my attendance at the Annual Meeting more affordable. NOCALL has truly been the gift that keeps on giving – from professional and social contacts to educational offerings that have helped me to stay ahead of the curve in developments in law librarianship, culminating in this wonderful grant. Oh, and one last thing, since I returned from Seattle, a discussion about completing the AALL salary survey on law-lib mentioned the activities of the 1999 NOCALL adhoc Committee that met with the San Francisco chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators to develop a rational job classification of law firm librarians in San Francisco. For good reading see <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/pllsis/newslett/salsurvey.html>. NOCALL is the best!

Thanks very much.



## A Chapter VIP's Account of AALL

**Skip Horne**  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Law Career Services**

I recently had the tremendous opportunity to attend the AALL 2003 Annual Meeting & Conference at the invitation of the three California AALL chapters. Thanks to NOCALL, SANDALL and SCALL, I was able to spend July 12-16 in Seattle, Washington, as a Chapter VIP attending informative workshops, listening to motivational plenary speakers, browsing the enormous exhibit hall and socializing with several thousand law librarians all under one roof.

In addition to my day-to-day duties at Santa Clara as the Assistant Dean for Law Career Services, I was fortunate to serve as the 2002-03 President of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), a membership organization much like AALL consisting of law school career services and legal employer recruitment professionals. My colleague Ellen Platt, Director of Public Services at the Heafey Law Library, extended the official invitation. She thought that given my leadership position within NALP, I would especially enjoy attending the AALL conference and might be able to identify some areas where the two organizations could potentially collaborate.

NALP annual conferences usually attract about 1,000 participants, so I was a little bit taken aback when I arrived at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center to see at least twice that many attendees. I was also struck by the breadth of topics covered, from identity theft to institutional histories, and the depth of programming, from quick 30-minute sessions to more comprehensive 90-minute workshops.

As a student services professional, I definitely came away with a heightened appreciation for all that my law library colleagues contribute to the law school student experience, especially those in the reference area. I also made note of several areas in which I think NALP and AALL might partner, including research studies (typically considered our association's stock in trade) and more job search assistance for JDs considering a career in law librarianship. From an

association management standpoint, I have already "borrowed" several ideas from the AALL conference including your minority scholarship and awards program—two initiatives that NALP currently has under consideration for future development.

Most importantly, I was able to spend quite a bit of quality time in Seattle getting to know my Heafey Law Library colleagues much better. The daily activity of working at Santa Clara, or in any professional environment for that matter, usually doesn't allow for many opportunities to interact with co-workers on a casual basis. These stronger relationships between the career services office and the law library will certainly benefit all of us in the long run. I'm blessed to work at a wonderful institution where I can honestly say that my law library colleagues are also my friends.

Finally, I returned to Santa Clara a little bit tired from the conference sessions (or was it all the evening social events?) with a suitcase full of exhibit hall goodies and a lot of great ideas to consider for the future. I had a fantastic time at the conference, and only wish I could say "See you next year in Boston!"



### Hastings' New Online Catalog

**Julie Horst**  
**U.C. Hastings College of the Law**

In March of 2003, the Hastings Law Library unveiled its new web-based catalog. The URL is <http://library.uchastings.edu> and some of you will probably recognize the interface as the online public access module from Innovative Interfaces, Inc.'s Millennium version. For those of you who have not worked with this software, here you go...

When you get the software from the vendor it comes with an out-of-the-package design. Basically you can install the software, load your records, and there's your catalog. At Hastings, we decided to take advantage of the fact that the front page is completely customizable, yet we wanted to maintain the functionality of the

not flashy, with contrast being an important factor in deciding color. The final color scheme we settled on combines light gray with dark blue.

Luckily, we were able to work on the design of the new catalog using a mock website. This allowed everyone on staff to view, compare versions (up to twenty-five), and use the new catalog (following links and clicking buttons) before any version was live to the public.

**USAGE –**

As opposed to Melvyl and OCLC, which may be a week or two behind for information about Hastings’s holdings, our catalog is updated daily. And, if you are searching journals or titles that include pocket parts, you can now access our check-in records by clicking on *Latest Received* once you’ve pulled up a title:



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 LIB. HAS c.1 [4thst] Inaugural Issue (Spring 1977)-vol. 24(2000/01)-  
 c.2 [fac] Inaugural Issue (Spring 1977)-vol. 1(1977/78)-vol. 22(1998/99)-

**Current Receipts Are:**

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With this new web-based version it is easy to see when the latest issue of the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* arrived (Winter 2003 on July 29, 2003), and that volume 26, number 3 is expected in May, 2004.

canned version. We wanted a catalog that was simple,

We have catalogued everything in our collection including non-book forms such as microfiche, microfilm, DVDs, and videotapes. The really cool thing is that if you’re searching for California or federal documents, and there is a corresponding website listed in a note field, you can now hyperlink directly to it. We also link directly to any of the e-journals that we subscribe to.

You can search by Keyword, Author, Title, or Subject. Title searches are automatically phrase searches but you can force an Exact Title search by using the | (pipe) symbol. Click on the Title search link, and type “criminal law.” This will pull up 139 hits with “criminal law” as the beginning words in the title. If you put in “criminal law |” you will only get 56 hits (some won’t look right but that’s because their alternate title is “criminal law” so they still appear in the list).

The universal truncation symbol is the \* (asterisk) and can be used in the Keyword search function to bring up all variations of a word cataloged in our collection. For instance searching “law\*” will retrieve hits for “law, lawmen, lawsuit, lawns, Lawrence, and lawyerland”1, among others.

Another feature that law librarians might like is that you can now see online what you have checked out. From the main search page, click on View Your Record then enter your name (or law firm name) and the bar code from your borrowing card (starts with 25012). Titles and due dates appear there.

**CHOOSING A NAME –**

Now, what do most libraries do when they get their new catalog? Yup, they name it, so we’ve been trying to decide on what to call ours. Some folks suggested that we keep the name we use now which is H.O.P.A.C. and stands for Hastings Online Public Access Catalog and others thought it should just be shortened to the “Catalog.”

Unbeknownst to many of you, the mascot at Hastings is a shark (quelle surprise) so SharkCat was one suggestion, and, considering the neighborhood we're in, another suggestion was AlleyCat. Being the "with-it" school that we are, H.E.P.Cat (Hastings Electronic Public Catalog) would be appropriate.

I came up with a few ideas of my own but I don't think they'll be popular:

- H.A.W.K. (Hastings Web-based Katalog) – although there's just something wrong about spelling 'catalog' with a K.
- H.E.N.K.E. 2 (Hastings Electronically Networked Katalog Enterprise) – in addition to the spelling of 'catalog', imagine a conversation between a student and a reference librarian:

Student: "Does someone have the video Legally Blonde<sup>3</sup> checked out?"

Ref. Lib'n.: "Hmmm, let's look at HENKE"

And finally –

- H.I.C.C.U.P. (Hastings Internet Catalog Connecting Us to the Public) – okay, I'll stop while I'm ahead.

Regardless of what it's called, it's for you to use, and we hope you like it.

1 *Lawyerland : what lawyers talk about when they talk about law* by Lawrence Joseph

2 Dan Henke, director of the Hastings Law Library from 1970-1991.

3 PN1997 .L44 2001 at Circulation



### **InfoPeople Webcast: "Piggyback Technologies"**

**Save the date! And let your friends and colleagues know about this event!**

At noon on Tuesday, October 14, Infopeople will present a one-hour webcast by Joan Frye Williams on "Piggyback Technologies: Getting The Most From The Systems You Already Have."

The best technology for your library may not be a whole new system. And when money is tight, mining your existing systems for underutilized "nuggets" may be all the technology you can afford. This webcast will identify low-cost and no-cost changes and add-ons to common library systems that will help you maximize the benefits of the technology your library already owns:

The webcast will last approximately an hour. There is no charge for Infopeople webcasts.

For more information and to participate in the October 14 webcast go to

[http://www.infopeople.org/training/webcasts/10-14-03\\_piggyback.html](http://www.infopeople.org/training/webcasts/10-14-03_piggyback.html)

Note: This is the third event in the "Technology Tuesdays" series. The first, "Convenience Technologies," and the second, "Productivity Technologies," are archived and available on the Infopeople website at <http://infopeople.org/training/webcasts/archived.html>.

**NOCALL Fall Education Workshop:**  
**"VALUE" - Define It, Discover It, Deliver It**  
 Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2003  
 9:00 - 4:00  
 PLI California Conference Center  
 685 Market St, Suite 100  
 San Francisco  
 (one block west of the Montgomery BART station)

Come for the day or select one of the two sessions to attend. Either way, make sure you enjoy lunch with your colleagues!

**9:30 - 12:00 Building the Information Center's Value Proposition**

Learn how to take a proactive role in addressing your organization's information needs. This leadership development program for information professionals is presented by Libby Trudell, Sr. Vice President, Information Professional Development at Dialog. The workshop that Libby will present offers practical advice on how to get and keep the attention of your institution management by showing them that the library/information center is able to enhance performance by being on top of "environmental" changes. You'll also learn how to succinctly communicate the value of your library and the people and tools employed there. Create and practice your very own "elevator speech" during the morning session.

**12:00 - 1:30 Lunch catered by PLI** (will accommodate vegetarians)

**1:30 - 4:00 Getting the Most from Next-Generation Library Systems**

Four librarians intimately involved in the implementation of new library automation systems will form a panel to discuss their experiences from the selection process through implementation and training. They'll talk about their successes and lessons learned. Planning is the key and you will take away solid suggestions for your own project.

Presenters are:

Yvonne Boyer, *Cooley Godward LLP*  
 Anne Dana, *Fenwick & West LLP*  
 Lorre Wicke, *Bingham McCutchen*  
 Marlene Vogelsang, *PG&E Pacific Energy Center*

**REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP**

The cost of the workshop covers use of PLI for the day and the wonderful lunch. The cost is \$25.00 per person whether you attend both sessions or just one. Please register by filling out the form below. Register before November 7 by emailing directly to Karin Zilla at [karinz@certifiedemployment.com](mailto:karinz@certifiedemployment.com) or mail to:

Karin at Certified Employment Group  
 111 Pine St., Suite 710  
 San Francisco, 94111

You can also call with any questions: 415-433-3600

*(Registration form on next page.)*

## REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Organization Name:**

I will attend all day \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend only for the morning session \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend only for the afternoon session \_\_\_\_\_

I will enjoy lunch at PLI \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate your selection above with a checkmark or an X.)

**Transportation Information:**

- BART/Muni: Montgomery Station. Walk 1 ½ blocks west to 685 Market on the South side of the street. Entrance to PLI is on Annie Alley.
- Parking: There are a number of "reasonably priced" lots South of Mission along 2nd Street or 3rd Street depending upon the direction you are driving. Prices vary between \$8.00 and \$13.00 for the day.

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## NOCALL Annual Report 2002-03

NOCALL members were saddened by the loss of two long-time members this year: Beverly Lipton and Lydia Freeman.

The year began with the traditional joint reception of the three California chapters at the Annual Meeting in Orlando, West Group generously underwrote the cost of the event.

In September, the incoming board met for lunch to become better acquainted with each other. The business meeting followed at Santa Clara University. During the fall months, the Academic Relations Committee, chaired by Karen Lutke, coordinated several career days at the local library schools, including one held in conjunction with SLA.

The January luncheon and business meeting were held at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco, sponsored by West Group. In addition to the usual business, representatives from West Group described the upcoming "Life in the Fast Lane" workshop planned in conjunction with the Joint California Institute.

In addition to coordinating the annual Legislative Day in Sacramento, the three California Government Relations Committees (with Michele Finerty chairing the NOCALL group) and the California Council of County Law Libraries were very busy this year successfully fending off legislation that would have damaged funding for county law libraries and monitoring other bills that affect public law libraries. The coalition of groups has been very effective and will continue to work together in the future.

The First Tri-Chapter California Institute (NOCALL, SANDALL & SCALL) was held March 13-15, 2003 at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. Approximately 170 people attended. The Institute was preceded by West Group's workshop "Life in the Fast Lane." Our AALL Executive Visitors were Past President Barbara Bintliff and Associate Washington Affairs Representative Mary Alice Baish. Programs covered a broad range of topics related to change and professional challenges, including a panel discussion organized by the Government Relations Committees of the three chapters which focused on effective lobbying techniques.

In May, the business meeting was in Old Town Sacramento at the Rio City Café on the river. The meeting followed a luncheon sponsored by the Daily Journal. The NOCALL Professional Achievement Award was given to Mary Ann Parker of the California Water Resources Department, a charter member of NOCALL who has made many contributions to NOCALL over the years. NOCALL's new officers were sworn in by the Honorable David DeAlba of the Sacramento County Superior Court: President, Susanne Pierce Dyer; Vice President, Tina Dumas; Treasurer, Jackie Grossman; Secretary, Diane Rodriguez; Board members at large, Eric Wade and Wynne Dobyns; and Ellen Platt, Past President.

Other activities during the year included continued co-sponsorship of LegalTech and Glasser LegalWorks, both events were in held San Francisco. In addition, the Board voted to contribute to the George Strait Scholarship fund in the names of Beverly Lipton and Lydia Freeman.

Over the year the board spent much time and energy on issues related to finance, the budget and our monetary health, efforts which paid off in a sleeker treasury and a better awareness of our spending habits and income at the end of the fiscal year.

And finally, my heartfelt thanks to the members who volunteered to serve NOCALL this past year as committee chairs and committee members. My special thanks to those folks who served on the board, particularly outgoing board members Sue Welsh, Erin Murphy, Yvonne Boyer and Coral Henning.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Platt, President 2002-2003

**NOCALL Board Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2003, 10-11:30am  
Conference Room, Sacramento County Law Library

Present: Ellen Platt, Coral Henning, Jackie Grossman, Susanne Dyer, Erin Murphy, Wynne Dobyns, Diane Rodriguez, Eric Wade, Sue Welsh, Yvonne Boyer, Michele Finerty. Ellen Platt called the meeting to order at 10:12am.

1. Acceptance of January meeting minutes - The minutes were accepted as written.
2. Treasurer's report
  - Report should read "as of 5/20/03"
  - Doing better this year because of tri-chapter institute, giving fewer grants, and putting the newsletter online
3. Budget approval process  
Per Lynn Lundstrom's email, the process will start in the Spring preceding the relevant fiscal year. Committee chairs have been asked to submit their new budgets by June 5.
4. ADA accommodations: Future NOCALL events will include a sentence to the effect that if a person has special needs, they need to let the appropriate people know ahead of time.
5. The private listserv was for posting by board members only. When AALL went to the new software, the listserv was "lost." Everybody will be automatically added to the "public" listserv which is still in existence. Ellen Platt will contact Joan Loftus regarding the timing of this and how the list will be updated to reflect changes in membership.
6. AALL has started the George Strait Scholarship. Members have been asked to donate \$100,000 which will be matched. NOCALL will give \$500.
7. Michele Finerty distributed the Annual Report from the Government Relations Committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the current Committee Charge is too broad. Michele will draft new language to restrict our interest to legal information. The size of the Committee should be increased which will allow for regular maintenance of the legislative advocacy web site and more workshops on advocacy like at the Spring Institute. The representative to California Library Association will be rotated between the 3 California AALL chapters.
8. Due to the requirements set forth in the bylaws for dues increases, Ellen Platt recommended that the issue be tabled. This will allow for research into what other chapters charge and further discussion.
9. Since NOCALL lost 2 members this past year, Beverly Lipton and Lydia Freeman, how should these be memorialized? Having a separate scholarship is problematic both financially and administratively. After much discussion, it was decided that the George Strait scholarship donation will be given in memory of the 2 members who were lost this year. We will look to set up a grant for the Vice President to attend AALL if their employer will not cover the cost. We will also name a grant the "Members Memorial Grant" to be given to someone who is at mid-career. All future grants will be dispersed taking into consideration how much the member has given back to NOCALL.
10. As information on AALL events of particular interest to Board members or Committee Chairs comes in, it will be mentioned on the NOCALL list. The West Coast chapter reception sponsored by West is limited to 150 persons. The VIP is going to be jointly sponsored. Skip Horne, the outgoing president of NALP, has

been chosen. NALP will pay for his motel so all that remains is airline and a \$50/day per diem. Motion was made and seconded to approve spending up to \$500.

11. The Directory is going to press now. Renewal flyers will be inserted into each directory with the requirement to have checks go to Jackie Grossman since there is no membership committee chair yet. Putting the directory online is somewhat problematic since we are limited on space and members are concerned about privacy. However, if the directory was online, the money spent sending it would be saved. This issue will be discussed further.
12. Susanne Dyer will give the Spring Institute update at the Business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Murphy  
NOCALL Secretary

**NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2003  
Rio City Café, Sacramento, California

Present: There were approximately 45 people present. Ellen Platt called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

1. Judge David DeAlba, Superior Court of Sacramento County, swore in the 2003-2004 Board prior to the meeting due to time constraints.
2. The Professional Achievement Award was given to Mary Ann Parker for her many years of service and participation in the chapter even before its inception in 1980. A plaque was also given to outgoing Board member and Past President Sue Welsh.
3. The January 22, 2003 minutes were approved as read.
4. We are about \$9000 ahead of where we were last year due to reduction in grants, posting of newsletter online and the costs of the Spring Institute being shared by 3 chapters. The taxes have been paid. The budget process for the 2003-2004 year has already been started.
5. The idea of a dues increase has been tabled for discussion during the next fiscal year.
6. This year the donation to the George Strait Scholarship will be given in memory of the 2 members that passed away during the 2002-2003 year, Beverly Lipton and Lydia Freeman. How to memorialize future members has not been decided. Perhaps a plaque where names can be added?
7. The private listserv was for posting by board members only. When AALL went to the new software, the listserv was "lost." Everybody will be automatically added to the "public" listserv, which is still in existence. Ellen will contact Joan Loftus regarding the timing of this and how the list will be updated to reflect changes in membership.
8. The West Coast chapter reception sponsored by West is limited to 150 persons. The VIP is going to be sponsored by all 3 California chapters. Skip Horne, the outgoing president of NALP, has been chosen. NALP will pay for his motel so all that remains are airline and a \$50/day per diem.
9. The Directory should be to members by the end of June. It will contain a flyer for renewal for the 2003-2004 year with all checks going directly to Jackie Grossman, the Treasurer.
10. See attached report for full details. There was a profit of \$9298.74, which was split among the 3 chapters by the amount of registration. NOCALL received \$2601.41. Susanne thanked all those who volunteered their time as well as the Daily Journal for covering all of the printing costs.
11. Susanne encouraged all members to volunteer their time as committee members or chairs. We are currently in need of Chairs for the Membership, Public Relations, and Audit/Budget Committees.
12. Tina Dumas believes that the 2004 Spring Institute will probably take place in San Francisco. If not, then it will be somewhere in the Bay Area. Please contact her if you have ideas for subjects or speakers or would like to help.
13. A motion was made and passed to destroy the election ballots.
14. Ellen Platt adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The gavel and bell were passed on to Susanne Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Murphy  
NOCALL Secretary

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**I**

**Communicating**

Because there were three of us, Diana Jaque of USC, SCALL Vice-President / President-Elect, Sushila Selness of USD, SANDALL Vice-President, and myself, we had to work out ways to communicate. Sushila was able to organize conference calls at USD. In addition, we relied on e-mail & phone calls. We had one site visit to the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo where we met each other and were also able to see the actual meeting rooms, meet with Embassy Suites personnel, and make decisions. I also found that being able to put a face and personality to a name made subsequent "remote" communications much easier.

**II**

**How the Proceeds were Divided**

One of the issues we tackled immediately was how to pay for things as they came up and how we were going to handle the finances. We decided this in a couple of conference calls before we met in San Luis Obispo in November.

Basically, we decided to keep track of each paid registration by chapter membership, and we asked each registrant to designate their primary chapter. At the end, after all the expenses had been paid, Sushila Selness of SANDALL divided the proceeds by the total number of paid registrations that indicated that they belonged to one of the three California chapters. For each chapter, we then multiplied the number of registrants that chapter had sent by the first figure to arrive at the amount each chapter was entitled to. We were worried about running in the red, so we were careful with our expenses. The result was that the Institute turned a net profit of \$9,290.74. The chapter shares were: \$2,601.41 to NOCALL, \$966.24 to SANDALL, and \$5, 723.10 to SCALL.

**III**

**How the Responsibilities were Divided**

Basically, each of us volunteered for specific committees or responsibilities and were able to divide things so that everything got done. Essentially, each of us volunteered for the jobs we did, and the division of labor was accomplished easily with each co-chair doing what she chose, at least, it seemed that way to me.

NOCALL member Carolina Rose had developed an Excel spread sheet to track registration for the NOCALL 2002 Spring Institute, and she offered to do the same for the 2003 Institute. She did a fabulous job! NOCALL members Karen Lutke, Susan Levinkind & Betty Howell also offered to assist with registration. Special thanks to Karen who drove up one night after work to stuff envelopes.

Therefore, on the very first conference call, I offered to have NOCALL handle registration which was agreeable to my two co-chairs. Registration included not only handling the returned forms but also developing the initial brochure and the registration form. While I did some of the initial work on this, Diana Jaque wound up end doing a lot because the *Daily Journal* was donating all the printing, so she would up working closely with them on everything that needed to be printed because she was right there. I ordered the badges & ribbons, and Holly Riccio did an outstanding job printing the name tags from Carolina's great database. SCALL member Jim Senter volunteered to coordinate the shifts at the Registration Desk at the hotel. It was a big job, and he was terrific!

NOCALL also did the Bibliographies – which meant that Shelley Blackman at Santa Clara pretty much took in the materials submitted by individual bibliographers, proof read it, got it into a uniform format, and forwarded it to the *Daily Journal* for printing. A huge, hurried job that she did wonderfully – thank you Shelley!

Sushila Selness mentioned that she had just been in touch with vendors for another event. She felt that she had good relations with them, and she offered to be in charge of soliciting exhibitor registrations and donations and general vendor relations. This is a huge job and she was wonderful. I did get personally in touch with a few Northern California publishers, i.e, CEB & Nolo Press. I also worked with the Administrative Office of the Courts because Gary Kitajo contacted me. Sushila also offered to handle the money through the SANDALL checking account. She and their Treasurer, Owen Smith, did a marvelous, thorough job.

Diana Jaque offered to handle the Education or Programming Sub-Committee. This meant that she was in charge of the actual contact with most of the speakers although we tried to reach a consensus on the actual programming in each slot. She did a great job! San Luis Obispo was not in anyone's "backyard," but SCALL members were probably closest, so they took on Local Arrangements and did a super job.

#### IV

#### Encore

The AALL Centennial is in 2006. It may be too soon after this Joint Institute, but we were tossing around the idea of a joint Institute to commemorate AALL's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Annual Meeting will be in Saint Louis, Missouri, so many West Coast librarians may be unable to make the trip and might welcome a joint institute closer to home.

## Membership News

### New & Continuing NOCALL Members

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2003-2004 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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## SCCTP Workshop on Integrating Resources

**When:** October 2-3 2003 (Thursday 9am to 4pm, and Friday 9am to noon)

**Where:** University of California, Davis; Shields Library, Library Instruction Lab

**Who:** Instructors are Pat French (UC Davis) and Greta de Groat (Stanford University)

**Cost:** \$130.00 Limited to 25 registrants

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