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President's Message

by **Tina Dumas**
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Time flies...

By the time this first issue of the NOCALL News arrives in your inbox, one third of the NOCALL year will have passed. NOCALL has faced some challenges and accomplished a good deal since I officially took office on June 1st. I am pleased to announce that we have risen to the occasion each time, and the year ahead looks promising.

Crossing over...

The old and new Executive Boards met with several Committee Chairs at the June Crossover meeting. We tackled a number of issues, and I am excited about our plans for the year. You can read the minutes soon, but one item I want to announce is a change in the date of the traditional lunch at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. This is usually our most widely attended meeting, and our bylaws state that our annual meeting is in May, so the Board decided to combine these facts and move the Marines' Memorial Club meeting to May. We will find another location for the January meeting. If you have suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Dearly missed...

As many of you know, Sue Welsh, a dedicated member and Past President of NOCALL, passed away at the end of June

as a result of a tragic accident. Kim Clarke, Acting Director of the Law Library at McGeorge School of Law hosted a lovely memorial service. Please see the memorial article in this issue and the upcoming Law Library Journal.

Professional development...

I don't have the exact numbers, but NOCALL was well-represented at AALL in July. We enjoyed Boston hospitality, and just missed the chaos of "that other convention" that happened in Boston a week or so later. Read about the great programs in our grant recipients' articles in this issue.

Changing of the guard...

Due to significant past and ongoing changes in her work environment since she accepted the nomination, Jane Metz, our Vice President/President-Elect has had to resign. The NOCALL bylaws called for a Special Election, and the Nominations Committee, consisting of Donna Williams, Lauri Flynn, and Erin Murphy, did a bang-up job locating a qualified and willing candidate on such short notice. Pam Rino accepted the nomination in early August. NOCALL secretary, Diane Rodriguez, along with some NOCALL Board members and dedicated volunteers got the ballots in the mail in record time, and counted upon their return so that we could install Pam at the September Board meeting.

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Thank you to everyone involved, especially Shannon Burchard, Leslie Forrester, Julie Horst, Mary Staats, and those I have already mentioned.

I also want to thank Jane for her service to NOCALL, both now and in past years. Although she was only officially on the Board for a few months this year, she has contributed significantly. She participated in our Crossover meeting and she represented the Board at Sue Welsh's memorial service. She has also served NOCALL in many positions in previous years, as Secretary, Chair of the Nominations Committee, and as a member of the Spring Institute Committee for several years.

Getting together...

NOCALL held its September Business meeting in Menlo Park at the offices of Heller Ehrman on Wednesday, September 22nd. I would like to thank Lynn Brazil for being such a wonderful hostess.

I would also like to thank Leon Kaye and GSI for offering to provide a reception afterwards.

I couldn't have said it better...

Sue Welsh wrote in her inaugural Presidential *NOCALL News* column:

One of my colleagues recently told me that if she had known how valuable taking part in association and other librarian activities was going to be, she would have been more active over the years. Don't let this happen to you. Now is the time to participate! I think those who are involved in professional activities would agree that it is very satisfying and a great way to work with wonderful, interesting librarians! Please do plan to attend at least one NOCALL event this year, or volunteer for a committee, and do make suggestions for things that you think would improve our already wonderful organization!

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Call for Volunteers

NOCALL is currently seeking volunteer members for the following committees:

Consulting • Government Relations • Membership • Spring Institute.

See page 19 of this newsletter or go to <http://www.nocall.org/> to obtain the contact information for each of the Committee Chairs.

Professional Reading in Review

by Susan Llano and Erin Murphy
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“What About Us? The Meta Librarian Information for Information Pros” by Stephen Abram, **Information Outlook**, v.8, no.6, June 2004, p.42-43.

Stephen Abram discusses the need for librarians to write more. He believes that we should be more willing to “toot our own horn” and present our ideas and innovations to the world. He contends that new technology has presented us with new opportunities to write (blogs, ‘zines, websites, etc.), and that we should take advantage of these opportunities. He ends the article with a step-by-step plan to motivate one to write; he also presents a list of his favorite blogs and ‘zines.

“Google Me Not” by David Whelan, **Forbes**, v.173, no.16, August 16, 2004, p.102.

David Whelan presents the flip side to the Google phenomenon: an increased concern about privacy and a whole industry of businesses promising to keep clients’ confidential information away from search engines like Google. Confidential, sensitive, and sometimes embarrassing information is increasingly finding its way into search results. With archiving technologies improving, once these “leaks” are out there, they are more difficult to clean up (think search engine “caches” and the Wayback machine at archive.org). Although librarians love these archived web pages, not everyone does. Companies are trying to find ways to circumvent search engines for their clients’ privacy. An Internet security company called Foundstone has developed a tool that piggybacks Google to point out information leaks. Whelan concludes his article with an example of two recent lawsuits involving online privacy that he believes search services should note.

“Prose and Cons” by Peter Lewis, **Fortune**, v.150, no.5, Sept. 6, 2004, p.62,
<http://www.fortune.com/fortune/peterlewis/0,15704,685443,00.html>

Have e-books finally arrived? Not really. Peter Lewis

goes over the pros and cons to Sony’s new Librie EBR-100EP. It is an electronic book reader that is the same size and weight as a slim paperback, and is the first to use a new “electronic paper” technology. It can hold 15 to 20 average-sized novels, but the downside is that the number of novels that can be viewed currently is limited, and almost exclusively in Japanese. This product is certain to be released in the U. S. in the near future, so its inventory of books should increase, but the author bemoans Sony’s shortsightedness in not allowing users to actually store books. Books may be “rented” for 60 days, and if you haven’t finished it yet, too bad. It shuts you out. Another downside is that Librie only supports books in its own format. This means that you would not be able to use it to view e-books already available on the Internet. The author concludes with the news that other e-book readers using the same technology should be coming soon and there should be vast improvements in the coming years.

“Take it to the Street” by A. Paula Wilson, **netConnect** (Supplement to School Library Journal), Summer 2004, p.12-14,
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA428135>

In this article, the author writes about the importance of promoting a library’s licensed databases and gives examples of how to make library users aware of these valuable resources. Although the article is geared more toward librarians working in a public library, it still has relevance to those of us in academic and private libraries. Some of her suggestions include “marketing” the databases through e-mail or online newsletters, making databases easy to find on your web page, and integrating them into your catalog if possible. With the wealth of information available now in electronic databases, it’s important for users to be aware of them and realize that not everything can be found with a Google search!

“The Corruption of Legal Research” by Scott P. Stolley, **For The Defense**, April 2004, p.39-41,
<http://www.goldsteinhowe.com/blog/files/FTD-0404-Appellate.pdf>

Mr. Stolley writes convincingly about the computer-

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dependent law school graduates who eschew books in favor of keyboarding. As he points out, the literalness of computers cannot effectively handle the ideas of concept and analogy on which law is based. Although for us his article is preaching to the choir, it's still a great explanation of how and why computers aren't always the best tool for legal research. This article should be handed out to each new associate (I plan to give it to each of our law students, so I'm doing my part!).

“Library Survey: Going Digital” by Andrew Longstreth, **Am Law Tech** (Supplement to The American Lawyer), June 2004, p. 19-28.

This article reports the results of a survey of librarians at The Am Law 200 firms. Most of the statistics report that approximately 40 firms responded to any particular question. The narrative portion of the article focuses on negotiating license agreements, although there are several tables covering compensation, physical space, staffing, etc. For the first time in the three years the survey has been done, librarians report spending more time researching nonlegal than legal information.

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Musings from Mark

by Mark Mackler
San Francisco Public Library

LOVE IS IN THE AIR?...The September issue of *California Lawyer* reports that a survey conducted by Match.com found that lawyers ranked dead last when its clients were asked to name the sexiest and most ideal occupation for a prospective partner. However, the same Match.com survey also found that “lawyer” is one of the top 25 keywords that women search for when they log on to the site. Go figure.

CONTINUING ALONG THE LINES OF LIFE AND LOVE...Lis Wiehl, associate professor at the University of Washington School of Law and a Fox News legal commentator, recently wrote *Winning Every Time: How to Use the Skills of a Lawyer in the Trials of Your Life*. (Ballantine, 2004) Wiehl contends that we should deal with our personal

problems and conflicts by planning specific strategies to solve them. The process, she contends, should have eight clearly-defined steps, including clarifying your position, outlining your theory, staying in control, and preparing your case. Fortunately, Wiehl doesn't suggest that her eight steps can solve every problem. In fact, she concedes that “people married to lawyers will tell you they hate it when their spouse uses cross-examination in a family argument.” Apparently there are limits, especially when it comes to turning these tactics upon loved ones.

TRUST YOUR E-MAIL??...According to a recent story in *Technewsworld.com*, e-mail is not a reliable means of communication. Business e-mail users ought to recognize that the message they send might not make it to the recipient. Therefore, if the message is important it would be a good idea to follow it up with a phone call or (gasp!) a letter. The full article related the tale of a business opportunity that was missed because the sender assumed the recipient (who never received the e-mail) wasn't interested.

SUE WELSH...If you missed the July 7 celebration of Sue's life, you missed a memorable event. There were well over one hundred people in attendance that day at McGeorge. I heard things about Sue that I already knew, and I learned things about her that I never knew. As someone who had the privilege of working with Sue on various committees, and relaxing with her, and even having had a job interview with her, I'll miss her.

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What Are YOU Reading?

by Nora Levine
Reed Smith

I just read *The Great Unraveling* by Paul Krugman, Princeton economics professor and *NY Times* Op/Ed columnist, and a political liberal who can analyze the national budget. Mr. Krugman doesn't need approval of his views by the government to obtain access to his sources, unlike, unfortunately, most of the national media reporters, so he can present views that can be more objective and critical. This book is a collection of his columns, with the publication dates included, so that the reader has the perspective of the historical context in which they were written.

In this book, Mr. Krugman points out the big lies that the Bush administration is passing off, and skewers them for the personal attacks they make on anyone who dares to publish facts that may be unflattering or uncomfortable to them. He points out the cover-ups about Bush's tenure at Harken Energy and Cheney's tenure at Halliburton. He points out how the Bush administration practices Crony Capitalism, appointing industry executives, who happen to be large Republican contributors, into government watchdog agencies like the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which sat on its hands during the energy crisis (rip-off) in California, or the EPA, presiding over the weakening of environmental controls, or the Department of the Interior, overseeing the giveaway of our nation's natural resources, while claiming that the environmental impact is minimal.

Mr. Krugman also analyzes the tax cuts, which have done nothing to stimulate the economy. He shows how the Bush administration used the wartime emergency to smother any opposition to the budget as being unpatriotic and giving comfort to the enemy. Meanwhile the President and Congress pushed through a long-term tax cut that benefits the richest 1 per cent in terms of income and basically removes all taxes on unearned income. Under this tax scheme, wealth is being rewarded over work, since only earned income will be taxed. Basically, there will be no taxes on estates, capital gains, or dividends. Meanwhile, funding for education, medical care, emergency services like police and fire is being cut off. As Mr.

Krugman points out, this is Dooh Nibor economics, Robin Hood in reverse, robbing the poor to help the rich, pushed through in the face of a costly war, and massive, underreported budget deficits and job losses.

Mr. Krugman sees this as a movement by the ideological political right to starve the government and bring the end of Social Security and Medicare, which are the remaining places where the government has funds. Instead of using the budget surplus provided by the Clinton administration to save up for the huge retirement of the Baby Boom generation, the Bush administration sold the tax cuts as returning the people's money to the people. That did happen to the people in the bracket of top 1 per cent of income. Mr. Krugman also discusses the fallacy in the accounting for the Social Security system that portrays privatization of Social Security accounts as being desirable. As he states, the government better does some tasks.

These are a few of the ideas presented in *The Great Unraveling*, a really good resource for dinner table discussions or anywhere people talk about what's going on in our country.

Dan Cunningham
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DO PENANCE OR PERISH: MAGDALEN
ASYLUMS IN IRELAND by Frances Finnegan.
Oxford University Press, 2004.

Magdalen asylums were a system of homes run by Catholic nuns for the purpose of keeping prostitutes off the streets. The "penitents," as they were called, were employed in large laundries, working many hours per day. They were not paid any wages; the income from the laundries was kept by the convents for the benefit of the nuns. They were not permitted any contact with the outside world, and, while not strictly imprisoned, were strongly discouraged from leaving. They were not permitted to make friends, discuss their former lives or families (including any children), or read anything other than what the nuns gave them. Penitents included not only prostitutes, but also unwed mothers, abused girls, and the "feeble-minded." Amazingly, the last Magdalen asylum did

not close until 1996.

Touted as “the first study of the asylums,” *Do Penance or Perish* is a statistical study of these institutions. Finnegan does a good job of collecting data from the houses’ own record books and presenting tables of the ages of the women admitted, the reason they were admitted, who admitted them, and when (and if) they left. She also provides background information on the founders of the homes and their major contributors. Finnegan is very angry over the treatment of the inmates, and states in her introduction that she has no intention of being objective in her study. That’s fine with me, and I expected the book to make me livid with righteous indignation. It failed to do so. While I don’t doubt that these asylums were dismal places, this is not the book that will prove it. Finnegan does not provide the details from the women’s lives that would cause one to be outraged over their plight. For such details, she refers her readers to other materials such as a 1998 British television series, *Sex in a Cold Climate*, an unpublished doctoral thesis, and another book entitled *Suffer the Little Children: the Inside Story of Ireland’s Industrial Schools*. *Do Penance or Perish* is a valuable study of the Magdalen asylums, but it is not the definitive or complete work on the subject.

Janet Fischer
Golden Gate University Law Library

CALIFORNIA POETRY: FROM THE GOLD RUSH TO THE PRESENT
Eds. Dana Goioa, Chrissy Yost, Jack Hicks (2004)

This anthology provides a sweeping historical introduction to accomplished poets who have spent a significant portion of their lives in our state. Much more useful for biographical reference than as a source for actual poetry---most authors are represented by no more than one or two of their works. While California per se isn’t always the focus of the poems, together they create an overall impression of the geography, ambience, and character of this end of the world that is satisfying.

John Milton Hendricks
U.S. District Court Library

DAVINCI CODE DECODED: THE TRUTH BEHIND THE NEW YORK TIMES # 1 BESTSELLER, by Martin Lunn

I enjoyed *The DaVinci Code*, because I like books that make me want to learn more about themes they contain. I bought this book to find out more about some of the organizations and people mentioned in Dan Brown's book. I was pretty disappointed in this particular book because it was like a bad history text. Lunn wove in parts of Brown's book, but they appear as afterthoughts. He did not make the information interesting in any way. There are some interesting images in the book, especially the symbol of the Priory of Scion. But I would say check them out at the library -- don't buy the book.

DROWNING RUTH, by Christina Schwarz
This is the story of an early 20th century farm family in Wisconsin with too many deaths and secrets. I loved the descriptions and could appreciate the choices that the various characters made. I actually listened to the book on audio and the descriptions came across as very rich and evocative. I especially enjoyed Ms. Schwarz's descriptions of the lake and the snow.

KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL, by Anthony Bourdain
I also listened to this book on audiotape. If you can stand flip and quite irreverent humor, I would highly recommend this book. It was entertaining and offered a greater understanding of the way restaurants kitchens runs. The characters in the book are well described, as are some quite well known restaurants. Because of the special language used in the kitchen, I would highly recommend it on audio.

BLACKBIRD HOUSE, by Alice Hoffman
This is the story of a house. The people who live in it are in some ways secondary. It is a very sad book, but again, the descriptions are wonderful, especially of the landscape right around the house.

EAT CAKE, by Jeanne Ray
Eat Cake is the story of a housewife who saves her family by baking cakes. The mother, Ruth, bakes cakes to relax. Her family complains each time they see the cakes she bakes, but the confections are so delicious they can't not eat them. When a series of

lifestyle mishaps befall the family, they become involved in the cake baking business. The individuals in the family get out of their selfish ruts and pull together. It is a very sweet story and includes recipes at the end.

Jaye A. H. Lapachet,
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SOUTHLAND, by Nina Revoyr
Southland is an exceptionally well-written novel about the racially complex Crenshaw district of L.A. A Japanese-American law student uncovers her family's history (and that of the neighborhood) over several decades as she looks into why her grandfather left a large sum of money to a black teenager who worked in his store and was one of four boys killed there during the Watts riots. I can't say enough good things about this book.

DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY: MURDER, MAGIC AND MADNESS AT THE FAIR THAT CHANGED AMERICA, by Erik Larson

This is a history that reads like a novel. It contains the stories of two men: architect Daniel Burnham, who was responsible for the construction of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer H.H. Holmes, who plied his trade during the fair. It sounds like a strange combination, but it is quite well done. If Burnham's name sounds familiar, note Daniel Burnham Court, the S.F. condominiums named for him. After Chicago, he created urban plans for several cities, including San Francisco. In a case of very bad timing, he submitted the S.F. plans to the city the day before the 1906 earthquake and fire, and, in the city's rush to rebuild, they were never implemented.

Paula Lichtenberg
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DECEMBER 6, by Martin Cruz Smith
My favorite novel this summer was *December 6*, by Martin Cruz Smith. The book jacket showed the words superimposed against a flag depicting a rising sun, so it was pretty obvious what year the title referred to. After I finished, I read reviews at Amazon that made comparisons with Casablanca. I could see this after the fact.

Harry Niles, the American owner of the Happy Paris nightclub, was a lot like Rick, the Humphrey Bogart character, all hard-boiled cynicism on the outside, but kind and patriotic on the inside. But which country was the recipient of Harry's patriotism? Was it Japan, where he grew up and was living as an adult, or the United States, where he was born and educated after his missionary parents left Japan for good? I thought that Harry's dilemma was sharper and more poignant than Rick's, because he loved Japan and dreaded the likely consequences of its attack on the U.S.

In fact, as I was reading this book, I was more struck by its similarity to Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible* in its depiction of clueless missionaries who come to a country and do not bother to learn the language or culture of the people they hope to convert, contrasted with the children who do learn the language and culture, and, in so doing, connect with and learn to understand, if not love, their new home.

I have written about Smith's books before and am taking the opportunity to say that, according to Library Journal's Prepub Alert, a new Arkady Renko book is slated to be published in November (Yay!). The title is *Wolves Eat Dogs: an Arkady Renko Novel*. Arkady investigates the murder (suicide?) of a Russian billionaire. As you can imagine, I'll be the first "in line" at Amazon to buy it.

Mary Ann Parker
Department of Water Resources Law Library



IN MEMORIAM: SUE WELSH 1943–2004

By Kim Clarke
Gordon D. Schaber Law Library

It is with deep sorrow that NOCALL informs its membership of the death of Sue Calhoun Welsh, who died on Sunday, June 27, 2004, in Sacramento, CA after a tragic accident at her home. Sue was the beloved wife of Neal W. Welsh for 35 years; the loving mother to her sons, Erick and Ethan; an affectionate mother-in-law to Erick's wife, Sarah. She is also survived by her brother Warren Glenn Calhoun and a myriad of friends and colleagues.

Born in Greeley, CO, Sue received her BA from Colorado State University and an MS in Library Science from Catholic University of America. A law librarian for 26 years, Sue worked in both court and academic law libraries. She began her law librarianship career at the US Court of Claims Library in Washington, D.C. in 1968. Sue worked at the Federal Judicial Center for over a decade, where she first helped to establish and then manage its library. In 1981, Sue and her family moved to Northern California. Sue worked at the U.S. Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit) Library in San Francisco for nine years. Sue's hard-work and dedication to her patrons and her colleagues resulted in her being promoted to Deputy Circuit Librarian in 1984.

In 1990, Sue made the transition to academic law libraries when she began working at the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, McGeorge School of Law as Reader Services Librarian. She was promoted to our Head of Electronic Information in 2000. Sue was extremely well-liked by the McGeorge students

and the characteristic concern and caring that she brought to her work every day made her popular with all her colleagues. Her office door was always open and, no matter how many things she was working on, she always jumped at the chance to help students and faculty with their research needs.

Most of us remember Sue as a dedicated NOCALL member, regularly attending both business meetings and the annual institutes/workshops. She served on many NOCALL committees over her 23 years of membership, including Grants, Nominations and Placement. Sue was NOCALL's Secretary in 1983-84, Vice President/President-Elect in 2000-01, President in 2001-02, Past-President in 2002-03, and a member of the Executive Board in 1997-98.

In addition to her involvement in NOCALL, Sue was an active member of several library associations, including AALL, SLA and WestPac. Since becoming member of AALL in 1970, Sue served on a variety of committees, including Membership, Placement, Index to Legal Periodicals, Scholarships, Public Relations, Awards and Grants. Sue was an extremely valuable and beloved member of the law librarian community and the McGeorge family who will be deeply missed.

Charitable gifts in Sue's honor may be made to the Sue Welsh Memorial Bench Fund at Pacific/McGeorge School of Law, c/o Jane Watkins, 3282 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento CA 95817.

** Editor's Note:*

Adapted from the memorial and announcement originally posted on the law-lib listserv on 06/29/04.

AALL 2004 in Boston, MA
by Julie Horst
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The theme of this year's annual conference focused on foreign and international legal research topics and I was very pleased to be able to attend thanks to a generous grant I received from NOCALL. The programs I attended at AALL this year were fabulous, there was something to see in every single time slot. My favorite program was H-2, "Parlez-vous le droit?" presented in the format of the Jeopardy!® game.

Let me tell you, the work that went into the preparation for this program was so impressive that Alex Trebek would be proud. (Alex, you better watch out for Ken Rudolph!) It was like I was practically at a real taping of the show. There was an announcer, a host, 3 contestants, score-keepers, a sound guy, a transcriptionist, and even judges to verify the answers. The program started with a testing of the answer buzzers (although "answer squeaky toys" would be a more apt description) and then on with the game.

Just like in the regular program, Single Jeopardy came first. Single Jeopardy's categories were: Currencies, Famous People, Approval Plans, Foreign Law Vendors, and "Sprechen Sie Deutsch"? There was even a daily double! The whole point of using the Jeopardy!® format was to impart detailed information on collecting legal materials in foreign languages without putting the audience to sleep. And a fine job they did, we were on the edge of our seats.

Double Jeopardy's categories were: Cooperative Initiatives, the Fourth Dimension, Foreign Law Collections, Foreign Law Specialists, and "Old" Languages and Laws. The contestants were experts in Mexican and Latin American legal sources, Scandinavian legal sources, and Chinese legal materials and they were really put to the test. Final Jeopardy! was a tough one and no one got it right. They were looking for the official language of Maharashtra, the state in India where Mumbai is located (What is "Marathi"?).

There was fun to be had in between programs as well. I really enjoyed meeting and chatting with librarians

from all around the world: Louise from New Zealand, Cathy from New Jersey, Shelley from California, Jules from England, Velma from Barbados, and Luis from Puerto Rico.

When I wasn't hanging with international law librarians or attending terrific AALL programs, I was seeing a few sights in Boston. Georges Island (http://www.bostonislands.org/isle_georges.html) was my favorite place. Just a 40-minute boat ride out into the middle of Boston Harbor and all of a sudden you're in the middle of nature. The bunkers reminded me of the time I spent at [Fort Worden in Port Townsend, WA](#) (where they filmed the movie "[An Officer and a Gentleman](#)"). It was a gorgeously sunny day and my visit to the island coincided with a steel drum concert.

It is always recommended to take time out to relax before, during and after AALL. It's such a crazy week of programs, mini-reunions of long-lost friends, learning, meeting, greeting, & eating—and this year there were two new activities to participate in: bowling and wrestling. I almost could not keep up. But all in all it was a marvelous experience and a good break in the middle of my summer.

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The Call for Papers Has Begun



Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- Student Division for budding law librarians still in school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Winners' papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair, Virginia Davis, davis@uh.edu ; Renee Rastorfer, rrastorfer@law.usc.edu; or Patricia Wellinger, pwellinger@law.du.edu

Membership News

New & Continuing NOCALL Members

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2003-2004 NOCALL Directory and since the last newsletter 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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Congratulations on your retirement!

NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, June 23, 2004, 2:00-4:00pm
Hastings Law Library, San Francisco**

Present: Tina Dumas, Shelley Blackman, Wynne Dobyns, Leslie Ann Forrester, Jackie Grossman, Coral Henning, Julie Horst, Lille Koski, Ramona Martinez, Jane Metz, Diane Rodriguez, Mary Staats, and Eric Wade.

The meeting began with Diane Rodriguez swearing in NOCALL President Tina Dumas and Member at Large Leslie Ann Forrester.

Tina Dumas called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm.

1. Acceptance of May 2004 board meeting minutes

- The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Ad-Hoc Committees:

- **Consortium Committee:** Wynne Dobyns reported that the committee has surveyed the consortia listed on the AALL web site and updated all the information. The committee requests Board approval to submit the findings to AALL. The committee has also developed a survey they would like to send to NOCALL members, possibly via the list serve. They also seek board approval to send out the survey.
- Shelley Blackman handed out copies of the survey to board members. Tina Dumas stated that Board members should take the survey with them and we can discuss it via email once everyone has a chance to review it.
- Wynne reported that CALIFA has some law services available to members and they want to know if it would be permissible to post an email to the NOCALL list offering membership information?
- The Board decided to wait until we have more information about what the consortium committee recommends before we give CALIFA an answer.
- A motion was made to send the updated consortia list to AALL. All agreed and the motion passed.
- **Memorials Committee:** Tina Dumas reported that Mark Mackler is still working on ideas.

- Wynne Dobyns stated that there appears to be a difference of opinion between what the committee wants and what the Board wants.
- All present agreed that a memorials section on the web page and an article for the NOCALL News are good options. A physical memorial such as a plaque or scrapbook is difficult to display.
- The Board charges the memorials committee with the task of suggesting a solution and bringing it to the Board for approval.
- Leslie Ann Forrester suggests that the consortia committee needs a formal charge as well.

3. September Board/Business Meeting:

- Tina Dumas questioned where the annual May meeting should be held due to attendance and the significance of the meeting.
- Ramona Martinez, Membership Chair, will query the membership database to determine where the geographical concentrations of NOCALL members are the greatest and report back to the Board.
- Tina is looking into venues and considering the Peninsula for the next meeting, possibly with a wine tasting. Tina will also inquire with the vendor supporters of past meetings to see if they have a preference for dates and locations for sponsorship.

4. Union List Status:

- Eric Wade reports that Pati Traktman has requested the data from the vendor. Exact pricing is yet to be disclosed by the vendor.
- Tina Dumas tabled this until the September meeting for further discussion once the data is obtained.

5. Annual Audit/Budget Status:

- Shannon Burchard, Audit Committee Chair (not present), will continue as Chair for another term. Tina Dumas reported that Shannon is in the process of gathering data from the committee chairs, and the Board can approve figures via email.

6. Committee Chairs & Liaisons:

- Tina Dumas thanked all committee chairs for their hard work.

- Board Liaisons are assigned as follows:
- Tina Dumas: Constitutions & Bylaws, Newsletter, and the Spring Institute Committees.
- Jane Metz: AALL Liaison and Education, and Spring Institute Committees.
- Diane Rodriguez: Academic Relations and Nominations Committees and the Consortium Task Force.
- Julie Horst: Audit and Budget, Grants, and Membership Committees.
- Susanne Dyer: Awards and Government Relations Committees.
- Mary Staats: Archives, Consulting, Placement, and Union List Committees.
- Leslie Ann Forrester: Memorials, Public Access, Public Relations, and Web Committees.
- Ramona Martinez reported that the plea for volunteers on the membership form is not helpful. Ramona will remove this item and in its place draft a plea for volunteers to publish in the NOCALL News.
- Leslie Forrester suggested a NOCALL News column dedicated to committees that describes what they do and how members can help.
- Corral Henning suggested that by covering four committees per issue, all committees would be covered each year.

7. Updating the Procedures Manual:

- Diane Rodriguez will contact all committee chairs and request that they update their committee entries. This should be completed before the September meeting.

8. Consulting Committee Issues:

- The Consulting Committee Chair reported an increase in the amount of consulting being done by the committee.
- Concerns have been expressed to the Board that committee work may be interfering with independent librarian services.
- Lille Koski reported that in the past the committee assessed situations without a librarian and made recommendations, including hiring a librarian to complete tasks.

- Tina Dumas recommends that incoming chair, Sharon Lahey, contact Lille Koski and Jaye Lapachet to review the committee description in the procedures manual and revise the guidelines if deemed necessary.
- Leslie Ann Forrester suggested telling consultees that they may have their names published in the NOCALL News as a user of our services.

9. Membership Directory:

- Ramona Martinez reminded the Board that it is about time to update the directory, usually every 2 years, and inquired about the options including a pocket part update, a new printed directory, or an online version.
- Leslie Ann Forrester reported that the Web Committee is looking into the possibility of a secure online directory.
- Ramona is going to seek assistance from Lee Ryan in manipulating the data in the FileMaker program. She will look at all the options and report back to the Board before the September meeting.

10. Other Business:

- The Board is considering having a special luncheon for past Presidents.
- Jane Metz reminded the Board that 2005 will be the 25th anniversary of NOCALL. Perhaps we should plan a special event separate from the Spring Institute.
- Susanne Dyer is charged with forming a 25th Anniversary Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rodriguez
NOCALL Secretary

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NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2004
Fat City Café, Sacramento, California

Susanne Pierce Dyer called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

1. Susanne Pierce Dyer thanked the Daily Journal and Andrea Torres and her colleagues for sponsoring the lunch and business meeting.

2. Susanne Pierce Dyer announced that it's been a great Spring for NOCALL:

- Two of our Librarians received the highest accolade AALL can give, the Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award has been awarded to Shirley David of the Sacramento County Law Library and Thomas Reynolds of UC Berkeley's School of Law Library.
- Two NOCALL members also won AALL Excellence in Marketing Awards: the Sacramento County Law Library won the Best P.R. Toolkit Award and Diane Rodriguez of Carroll Burdick & McDonough won the Best Use of Technology Award for her Client Development Request Form.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Jackie Grossman reported that after two years of tight budgeting and generous support from our vendors, we're in good financial shape.
- Susanne Pierce Dyer thanked Jackie Grossman and her husband, Steve (an accountant), for their excellent work on the Board.
- A motion was made to adopt the Treasurer's report.
- All in attendance approved.

4. Winter Elections:

- Susanne Pierce Dyer thanked all candidates who participated in the Winter elections. Election winners are: Vice President/President Elect – Jane Metz ; Treasurer – Julie Horst ; and Executive Board Members at Large – Mary Staats and Leslie Ann Forrester. Congratulations to our winners!

- Susanne made a motion to suspend the bylaws and destroy the ballots.
- The motion was approved.

5. Bylaws:

- Susanne Pierce Dyer reported that the bylaws have not been changed in a while.
- Prano Amjadi discussed how she had prepared a draft and circulated the proposed changes on the listserv. There are two motions to change the bylaws: membership dues and general housekeeping, including quorum and electronic notice and voting. Because there is no quorum today, we will just discuss housekeeping changes to get bylaws into compliance with current practices
- Prano reviewed the handout regarding proposed bylaws changes.
- Prano stated that there is required notice of 30 days before a ballot vote can be taken. She also stated that the incoming Board will decide if the dues vote will be taken by ballot or at a meeting.
- Susanne emphasized that the Board is trying to open the opportunities of members through voting, not restrict voices.
- Prano added that additional changes to the bylaws include adding language for electronic ballots.
- Maryann Parker commented that the electronic option is a great idea.
- Susanne made a motion to pass these housekeeping items.
- The motion passed unanimously Prano then discussed the second item, quorum percentage. Today we would need 38 active members for a vote. The new quorum would be the lesser of 25 active members or 10% of the membership.
- Prano reviewed the Executive Board appointing the nominating committee. Having the President select the slate could be dangerous, so the committee remains at 3 members.
- Prano discussed the change regarding if the Secretary runs for Vice President/President Elect the ballots would be collected by someone other than the Secretary.
- Prano stated that these changes would be well within what other chapters are doing.

- Karin Zilla asked if a vote to change the quorum presents a conflict?
 - Prano reiterated that suspending the bylaws to allow for such a vote is allowed, and that the bylaws intended suspension be used for just such an issue
 - A motion was made to adopt the changes. A second was made and all agreed to adopt the motion for the changes.
- 6. Swearing in of New Officers:**
- Justice George Nicholson of the California Court of Appeal was introduced by Shirley David. Justice Nicholson is an honorary member of AALL for his law librarian advocacy.
 - Justice Nicholson swore in incoming Board members Julie Horst, Jane Metz, Mary Staats and Susanne Pierce Dyer as Past President.
 - Justice Nicholson requested that all Librarians in attendance introduce themselves and give their name and years of employment. All present happily complied.
- 7. Presentation of Awards:**
- Ellen Platt announced that this year's Professional Achievement Award goes to David Bridgman of Stanford University. David was not available to accept his award in person, but he has been notified and thanks NOCALL for the award.
 - Susanne Pierce Dyer presented thanks and a plaque to Ellen Platt for her years of service to the NOCALL Board.
- 8. Other Business:**
- Kurt Shuck requested articles for the Daily Journal column. He is looking for articles of approx. 900 words. Please contact him if you have an article or idea.
 - Susanne Pierce Dyer and Ellen Platt encouraged all in attendance to consider volunteering in NOCALL.
 - Tina Dumas will organize the June crossover meeting.
 - Susanne once again expressed our gratitude to the Daily Journal for their support.
9. Susanne Pierce Dyer adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
10. Following the meeting Susanne Pierce Dyer and Prano Amjadi opened a "discussion in adjournment" regarding the bylaws proposal regarding associate members serving on committees and the dues increase. No discussion was held.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Diane Rodriguez
NOCALL Secretary
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Calendar of Events

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2004

- December 8, Wednesday
 - [NOCALL 2004 Fall Education Workshop](#). 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

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- April 15-16, Friday and Saturday
 - NOCALL 2005 Spring Institute: The Future of Legal Research. Palo Alto, CA. For more information, contact Pam Rino at prino@deweyballantine.com.

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