

## **NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Continuing Education of the Bar

Oakland, CA

Prano Amjadi called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m.. There were approximately 27 members in attendance.

### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

#### **1. CEB Welcome**

Bobby Clements, CEB Northern California Sales Representative, greeted everyone and welcomed them to CEB. He and Richard May, Sales Manager, organized the event and there was a round of applause for the great job they did. Then, CEB Librarian Ruth Girill gave a brief history of CEB and reminded everyone that she would be conducting tours after the meeting. Pam Jester, CEB's Director, was then introduced and welcomed the group. This was followed by a demonstration of OnLAW by Michelle Strider, Sales Department Trainer. Finally, there was a presentation on new CEB books and products by Linda Russell, Senior Manager, Product Development.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

A motion was made to approve the May Business Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

#### **2. Chapter VIP at AALL (Ken Haycock)**

Pam Rino reported that it was very successful and he got to meet a lot of people. They also had an informal small group discussion with him. He wants NOCALL to let him know what would be helpful for students to know or to learn in school to be prepared for a career in law librarianship. Pam is looking for ideas or volunteers interested in working on this issue. Any interested parties can contact either Pam, Prano, or either of the Education Committee Co-Chairs, Amy Wright or Jennifer Marshall.

#### **3. Openthegovernment.org Coalition Partner**

Prano Amjadi reminded everyone that at the May meeting there was a resolution passed to join openthegovernment.org and this has been done. When Prano registered, they asked what our interest was and what we wanted to do with them. Susan Nevelow Mart reported that they will get in contact with us and let us know when they need our help.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Professional Legal Management Week**

Holly Riccio reported that NOCALL is once again participating in Professional Legal Management Week, along with other local legal management associations. The week

will be celebrated October 2-6 and the networking events will all be held on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year, there will be four concurrent events taking place in San Francisco, Palo Alto, Walnut Creek and Sacramento. The invitation has just been finalized and will be sent to the NOCALL listserv shortly.

**2. Union List Survey Task Force**

Prano Amjadi reported that Pati Traktman is still working on this. Pam Rino reported that it has taken a year to research how to get our data back and useful. The online proposal we have from Cassidy Cataloging is quite expensive, both initially and on an ongoing basis. The conclusion is that it is probably too expensive, so we are back to the drawing board. A survey will be going out to the membership to see what members are willing to spend and what the interest is. Prano reported that we will need volunteers to work with Pati once the survey has been done to look at the results and figure out where to go from there.

**3. Membership Survey Task Force**

Prano Amjadi reported that there was a Crossover meeting last month. Prano asked there about doing a membership survey to find out what makes people want to be members and continue to pay dues and if there are things that members think we should be doing that we are not. We hope that the information gleaned from the survey can be used in the strategic planning for NOCALL that will take place during the Spring Institute. The survey will be electronic, but there will also be a paper mailing about this and a paper version of the survey will be sent to anyone that requests it. Pam Rino reported that there was a membership survey done two years ago before the Spring Institute and she will forward that data to Prano. There has also been discussion about offering some gifts as incentives for people to respond.

**4. NOCALL Web Site Redesign**

Prano Amjadi reported that Janet Fischer has been working hard on redesigning the NOCALL web site. Janet reported that the two issues with the site currently are how to list e-mail links for all NOCALL Officers and Committee Chairs and whether Internet links should open in a new window or not. Susan Nevelow Mart reported that at Hastings, they have e-mails as links that do work, but are masked somehow so that the e-mail address can't be mined. Janet will contact Charles Cotner at Hastings to find out how he does this and see if NOCALL can implement this as well. There was a discussion about whether the links should open in a new window or not.

**5. Committee Reports**

○ **Government Relations**

Michael Ginsborg thanked Prano for appointing him as Chair. The committee has already pursued two AALL initiatives, one concerning net neutrality and the other concerning the Official Secrets Act. Michael said that they have been urging Congress not to support any communications reform bill that did not include meaningful net neutrality provisions. He also stated that they asked Senator Feinstein to oppose the Official Secrets Act. He recently spoke to Mary Alice Baish about the status of the Orphan Works Act and she said that it has almost no chance of reaching the Senate, but suggested that NOCALL write a joint letter of support with SANDALL and SCALL to Congressman Howard Berman and have all three Chapter Presidents sign the letter.

- **Membership**

Greg Fite reported for Ramona Martinez. The deadline for membership renewals has passed and the committee is sticking to the deadline in order not to delay the production of the directory. Ramona is working on preparing the data for the Daily Journal. The committee is looking at the option of having AALL maintain our data and print our directory.

- **Public Access**

Kelly Browne reported that in April of next year, Coral Henning will be teaching a legal research class for legal secretaries association. She also reported on an idea to put on a presentation of a murder mystery that takes place in a law library. Her idea is based on something that was done by the Georgia State University's College of Law Library in 1997. More information on what they did can be found in an article in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* [Volume 16, Issue 3 (1998)]. She is looking for volunteers to work with her on this.

- **Public Relations**

Susan Nevelow Mart has authors for almost all of our columns for this year in the *Daily Journal*. She still needs a writer for the December column and the due date for that column would be December 7<sup>th</sup>. Susan is also working on getting NOCALL to put on legal research sessions at the upcoming ABA conference in San Francisco. She thinks that at least one of the ABA sections will allow us to put on something.

- **Spring Institute**

Coral Henning reported that the dates for the Spring Institute will be April 27-28. The topic will be strategic planning and this will also include starting the groundwork for creating a strategic plan for NOCALL.

## 6. **Other New Business**

Kelly Browne reported that the NOCALL Centennial Variety Show will be available on DVD soon and the cost will be \$10.00. Order forms will be available on the web and the proceeds will go to the AALL Centennial Scholarship Fund. More information on this will be included in the next issue of *NOCALL News*.

Prano Amjadi reported that Richard May approached Pam Rino last year and said that CEB would like the opportunity to sponsor a meeting. She thanked everyone at CEB, stating that they have all been really wonderful to work with.

Prano Amjadi adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Riccio  
NOCALL Secretary