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President's Message

I was intrigued by Paul Healey's "Letter from the Editor" in the April 2006 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. Paul suggested that we would be fascinated by the Perspectives article in that issue regarding an AALL member who never attended an Annual Meeting or had met many other AALL members, but considered the association the key to his professional development. Before I even read Shaikh Mohamed Noordin's article, "[Beyond the Spectrum: How AALL had Benefited an International Member](#)," I thought I would love to know if NOCALL had members that felt the same way. Mr. Noordin is the only AALL member in Malaysia. He came to his law library position with a background in corporate libraries from the banking and shipping industries. He found his AALL membership to be the best tool to help him adjust to and then advance his new position. I found his article inspiring and also reassuring that professional associations have a practical and

important role in our work life. I have spent a lot of time thinking about the value of professional organizations in recent months. I want to be reassured that we are not like hamsters, just spinning our wheels.

We have so many members, who regularly pay their dues, yet they do not come to meetings, workshop and institutes, they do not get together with other law librarians. I am curious to know which of the NOCALL services these members find valuable. Is it the newsletter or the directory, or perhaps the listserv? It is this curiosity -- to know what our membership values, that has moved me to suggest that we poll our membership this year. I would like to know what is working and what is not. The survey results will create the perfect segway for Coral Henning's Spring Institute, which will, in part, begin the development of a strategic plan for our

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association. I am interested in finding a couple of volunteers to help with the survey creation. Please contact me directly (pamjadi@scu.edu). And if you are a NOCALL member that benefits from being a part of the chapter, without attending functions or doing committee work, I would love to hear your story.

Continuing with the topic of NOCALL members, but moving from curiosity to gratitude, I cannot thank people enough for stepping up and volunteering to serve on our board and committees this year. It seems with each year our job responsibilities become more and more complex. It becomes harder to take on responsibilities in professional organizations. My hat goes off to each of you who have agreed to keep NOCALL working through the 2006-2007 year. Many contribute to the chapter year after year, and several have stepped up to take on more responsibility, and several more are taking

part for the first time. The position I fill would be daunting, if not impossible, were it not for all the efforts each of you are making. I know as the year goes on, my gratitude will continue to increase. Thank you!

As I write this, we are planning our first business meeting for the year, which will be held at CEB. I am very excited for us to get to visit their library and to hear more about their commitment to legal publishing and legal education. I would like to thank Richard May, Ruth Girill, and CEB for their help and support.

We have changed our bylaws to allow electronic notice of meetings, so the NOCALL listserv will serve as the official voice of the chapter. This will be the first meeting that will not have a mailed reminder, so please mark you calendar when you see the emails announcing our meetings this year. I hope I will get to see many of you at this meeting on September 20th.



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MUSINGS FROM MARK

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SACRED STACKS...Check out the May 2006 issue of "American Libraries." The author, Nancy Kalikow Maxwell, holds an MLS and a degree in Catholic theology. "Something about the nature of libraries (and librarians) seems spiritual. Many librarians – even those who describe themselves as non-religious – feel called to the profession."

Librarian/Clergy Similarities

- **Report being "called" to the profession
- **Advocate self-improvement
- **Dedicated to service
- **Garner respect from the public
- **Safeguard confidentiality
- **Stereotyped as ascetic and self-sacrificing
- **Grant primacy to written texts
- **Imagined by some as possessing special knowledge and wisdom
- **Prefer ideas to money (to a certain extent)

GOODBYE, LORD THOMSON...Lord Kenneth Thomson died in his office in June at the age of 82. All of you should know to whom I'm referring, but just in case you don't: When he died, he was worth almost \$20 billion, making him the ninth richest person in the world. The corporation's worth is almost \$30 billion. Last year, Thomson posted revenues of \$8.7 billion, more than Gannett. Kenneth was publicity-shy. He always flew economy class and did his own grocery shopping. (Andy Askin tells me that Lord Kenneth would clip grocery coupons and use them when appropriate.) He wore inexpensive suits. He inherited the British title Lord Thomson of Fleet from his father, but never used it outside of Britain and never took his seat in the House of Lords.

In case you haven't figured it out, I'm writing about Kenneth Thomson who led the parent company of Thomson West. Thomson acquired West about ten years ago for \$3.4 billion. To deal with an antitrust complaint from the U.S. DOJ, Thomson agreed to sell nearly two dozen West publications. In spite of the debt that Thomson took on to acquire West, the debt was paid off in about two years. Richard Harrington became CEO and President of Thomson around the time of the West deal. At Thomson's annual meeting last year, Mr. Harrington described the company as being "Google for the high-end professional user." David Thomson, 48, succeeded his father as Chairman of Thomson in 2002.

AND FINALLY, THE MOST-CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2005...

1. It's Perfectly Normal by Robie Harris
2. Forever by Judy Blume
3. Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
4. Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
5. Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
6. Detour for Emmy by Marilyn Reynolds
7. What My Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones
8. Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey
9. Crazy Lady! by Jane Leslie Conley
10. It's So Amazing! By Robie Harris

VIVA LAS VEGAS..."Justice Samuel Alito smiled bashfully at the mention of his name. When he walked into the chamber in his black robe, however, Justice Alito was more guarded, gazing curiously around the noisy, crowded chamber like a school librarian on a first visit to Las Vegas." (New York Times, Feb. 1)



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

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A book I read this summer that I highly recommend is **DEAR MISS BREED**, by Joanne Oppenheim. Miss Breed was the first children's librarian at the San Diego Public Library. She lost many of her young readers after December 7, 1941 when they were sent with their families to Japanese relocation camps. Miss Breed sent the children letters, books and much more. She wrote articles in *Library Journal* about the children's experiences and how wrong it was to take away their civil liberties. The book follows the lives of several of the children through their letters and from 1991 U.S. Senate hearing testimony when the Japanese Reparations Act was passed. Ms. Oppenheim makes one proud to share her profession, and her actions show how one person can make a big difference in so many lives simply by caring.

(And to answer your question whether anyone still goes to the beach, I try to at least once a week here in Hawaii. But I borrowed this particular book from the public library so decided not to risk getting it full of salt water and sand.)

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Remember where you were on September 11, 2001? Think of that day and how much has happened since then, based upon our understanding of those events and what our leaders have done since that day. I read a real cruncher over the summer. It was not a "fun" read but it was so interesting I couldn't put it down. With the anniversary of 9/11 swiftly approaching, you may find this book relevant: **CROSSING THE RUBICON: THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE AT THE END OF THE AGE OF OIL**, by Michael C. Ruppert.

The author, a former narcotics investigator from the L.A.P.D. who had fallen out with the Establishment, wrote a scathing and detailed analysis of America's oil crisis and the secretive actions taken by various sectors of the American elite to preserve their control of oil and the world's wealth. The overall oil supply situation underlies the entire, often rambling narrative because petroleum is the foundation of the world's wealth today, and it is going to run out.

Plans to move our economy beyond oil are stalled while our elite strategize how to best to maximize control of this precious resource in an increasingly oil-hungry world. Along the way, we are facing the increasing hazards of global climate change and increasing political instability. Ruppert tries to tie all of this together with the events of 9/11 (known, unknown and guessed) using a wealth of detailed, little known information. He leads into his narrative by talking about how the huge profits of narco-trafficking are allegedly used, after appropriate money "laundering," to bolster many a corporate bottom line and to provide a ready source of liquid cash to help the oil industry explore new oil fields with diminishing returns. Narco money is also used to fund secret CIA operations worldwide. One chapter ties the CIA to Wall Street, as he details the revolving door between the two institutions.

He makes reference to the Central American and Southern Asian operations of the 1980's and reminds us how the Bush II administration has brought practically the entire Reagan and Bush I administration back into power some 20 years later. Being a non-partisan, however, the author does not spare Bill Clinton or the Democratic Party for its role in many of the undertakings he has detailed.

Written in 2004, it seems sometimes prescient, often on the edge of paranoid, yet compelling and authentic. Ruppert sets the scene by laying out the narco-trafficking ties to Big Business, the CIA and its many secret operations worldwide that include many inflamed areas of the world like Pakistan, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kosovo. He details how the CIA repeatedly 'failed' to capture Osama Bin Laden even when the opportunity presented itself. Ruppert surmises that Bin Laden may actually be a de facto CIA "asset" despite (or because of) his strong hatred of the West. Ruppert also details the strong U.S. Bush family ties to the Bin Laden family empire and to the oil-rich Saudi royal family. It gets even nastier as the reader enters the

world of spooks, spies, schemers, and disinformation, with clear lines of authority right to the top, especially Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld.

One chapter talks about how an agent who tried to warn about 9/11 was silenced; many other F.B.I. agents were ignored or discredited when they tried to act on tips to prevent this disaster. You start to see the events of 9/11 as a secretly planned event required by the American elite to mobilize the public to authorize aggressive military actions to secure oil and reshape the Middle East, rather than the more simply depicted "us versus them" terrorist tragedy we all experienced. 9/11 was also used to remove many basic civil liberties we all grew up with by inspiring Congress to pass the USA PATRIOT Act.

Ruppert provides rich details of not only on why the Establishment wanted 9/11, but also who was involved, and how they likely accomplished this horrendous deed without being detected or prosecuted. Some of the failure to detect culpability for 9/11 within the U.S. government is laid at the feet of the tame corporate-run media as well as a tainted and cowed Congress. Ruppert even describes how the anthrax attacks were used to scare a reluctant Congress into silence. It is very chilling yet very real to read about these unsolved crimes that Justice failed to investigate or prosecute. Remember the climate after 9/11? Remember the anthrax scares?

Several chapters detail the unfolding events of 9/11 before, during, and after, and throw suspicion on almost every facet of the events we thought we knew so well. Here's one: Muhammad Atta, the alleged ringleader was purportedly seen alive and well and dancing in a European nightclub years after the attacks. Perhaps the most worrisome chapter is the one covering the underreported actions of Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and other top U.S. leaders. Then there is the mystery of what happened to WTC-7, the huge building adjacent to the Twin Towers that housed the NYC Office of Emergency Management whose total collapse no one has been able to explain. Was WTC-7 used to house secret CIA operations? Was it demolished to obliterate the evidence? Were large quantities of gold removed from the WTC vaults secretly before the attacks? Why did Wall Street experience so many 'sell' orders in advance of 9/11? You just have to read this for yourself, and try to have an open mind.

The author makes some compelling connections between many apparently separate and unknown events as he pieces together what would amount to a major conspiracy and cover-up, including the 9/11 Commission itself.

The events of 9/11 generated huge political and economic pay-offs for the American elite. You have to read this book with a little skepticism because we are

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unable to conduct a truly independent, authoritative investigation of the crimes of 9/11 and the secret doings of American spooks, neo-cons and corporate leaders. Suffice it to say, however, that you will look at Enron, the CIA, Chechnya and a thousand other events with new awareness after reading this book. I highly recommend you do.

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ALL ABOUT SAM by Lois Lowry

The novel was on the 4th grade summer reading list. My son and I found this one to be quite entertaining as it is written from the point of view of Sam. It starts when Sam is born and follows him through various adventures including figuring out his name, what eating is all about, and what happens when you hide unwanted food under the living room carpet.

BUNNICULA: A RABBIT-TALE OF MYSTERY by Deborah Howe, James Howe, and Alan Daniel

This was another book on the summer reading list for 4th graders. My son said the book was boring, so I read it. The vampire / Dracula bunny has potential, but the story line just doesn't deliver. Harold the family dog and Chester the cat, who are extremely intelligent, try to understand their new housemate and the weird white vegetables that have suddenly started appearing in the house. Unfortunately, the humans living in the house come across as buffoons.

CHOCOLAT by Joanne Harris

This is one of my favorite movies, so I thought I would check out the book from the library. The book is very different from the movie, but not in the important aspects. It is well written and believable. The other thing I liked about it was its layers of meaning; I can envision reading it numerous times and getting something different out of it each time. I also enjoyed the mystery surrounding the chocolate. Food is so interesting in that it both binds and pulls us apart and has been imbued with so many meanings.

COASTLINERS by Joanne Harris

Coastliners deals with the return of a daughter to a small village on an island off the coast of France, near Nantes. There is a lot of small town politics, French style, family feuds, and resentment at the richer part of the island until the villagers have to pull together to stop nature. Harris, once again, gives a good flavor of the personalities involved. I would like to see a sequel, because I did think that there were some loose ends that could be tied up. The narrator in the audio version was an excellent reader. I noted the elegance with which she delivered the names of the people and places. The end

of the audio version also includes an interview with Joanne Harris, which was very interesting.

THE BEEKEEPER'S APPRENTICE by Laurie King

Sherlock Holmes takes on an apprentice, Mary Russell, after his retirement. She has a mind like his and he trains her in his detecting ways. Along the way, they solve some mysteries together. One is the kidnapping of an American senator's daughter. This action is resolved, but feeds into the large mystery encompassing the entire book, which does not become apparent until its conclusion. This book is the first in a series.

A LETTER OF MARY by Laurie King

Another Holmes / Russell mystery. This book could have been a similar book to *The DaVinci Code*, but takes a turn into figuring out the murder of an archaeologist rather than the details of an ancient papyrus, reportedly authored by Mary Magdalene. This book doesn't go far enough into DaVinci land, but the possibility is distinctly there. It was published in 1998, well before the DaVinci phenomenon and I wonder if Ms. King is kicking herself for not taking that element of the story farther?

A MONSTROUS REGIMENT OF WOMEN by Laurie King

Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell continue their partnership as Mary investigates the disappearance of her friend's fiancé. Women start to die mysteriously, which raises the alarm. The story involves a type of church geared towards women and a figure similar to Carrie Nation. There seems to be a stereotypical view of leaders of non-traditional churches.

THE MOOR by Laurie King

This Holmes / Russell mystery takes place in Dartmoor. I liked this book, because I learned a little about the geography of Dartmoor, which is really a moor. This book also brings bits of some of the older Holmes stories into play, an element of writing that I enjoy, because it connects various stories and characters. The complexity of the cases that Holmes and Russell investigate as well as the methods they use to solve the puzzles make for good reading.

OH JERUSALEM by Laurie King

This Holmes / Russell novel is set in Palestine and what is now Israel in about 1920. The story follows their adventures masquerading as Bedouin nomads and their efforts to save General Allenby, T. E. Lawrence and the Dome of the Rock. This book has an air of unbelievable in it, so be sure to read the others before you read this one. I think this series is stronger than the individual novels, and the reader benefits from reading the books in order.

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THE PURSUIT OF ALICE THRIFT by Elinor Lipman

This author was highly recommended to me. I bought the book and it took me a long time to get through it. It wasn't the kind of book that I couldn't put down, even though I liked the ending and thought it was well written. I had either no understanding of or no appreciation of what the main character was going through. In her position, I may have made the same decisions that she made, but being me I thought some of the decisions that she made were weird. Reminding myself that this is a book and not real life, I enjoyed one of the male supporting characters. I would love to have him as a friend. I also liked the woman across the hall. I thought she was a very real character. Once she was introduced in the story, the book took on a different feeling. She helped carry the story or move it along, but the story was rather flat without her.

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IN A STRANGE CITY by Laura Lippman.

I first heard about this mystery writer at the SLA conference in Baltimore and I'm glad I did. I've been reading my way through her handful of mysteries and find them very enjoyable. The protagonist, Tess Monaghan, is a former newspaper reporter, like Lippman, now working as a private investigator. She provides strong character development and plots. Her ability to prominently incorporate the city of Baltimore into her stories reminds me of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City. The first of her novels I read involves the "Poe Toaster," a visitor who comes every January 19th to the graveyard where Edgar Allen Poe is buried. Since then, Lippman quickly became a favorite writer of mine. (Note: Ms. Lippman's significant other is David Simon, who wrote "Homicide: Life on the Streets" and is the creator and producer of HBO's "The Wire," both of which are also set in Baltimore.)

SAN FRANCISCO IS BURNING: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE 1906 EARTHQUAKE AND FIRES, by Dennis Smith

I've read a good deal about the events of 1906, but this is one of the most compelling accounts. Smith writes in narrative style, so it's more like reading a novel than a more academic work like (the still very readable) "The Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906: How San Francisco Nearly Destroyed Itself," by Philip Fradkin. Smith focuses on the effects of the fires, which did much more damage to the city than the actual earthquake. He describes how the city was ill-prepared for the tragedy, despite the warnings of Fire Chief Dennis Sullivan; how Sullivan's tragic death in the earthquake left the Fire Department without his experience and leadership, leading to the disastrous use of dynamite, which only exacerbated the situation. Then General Funston and city officials placed great emphasis on law and order, rather than using their resources to aid in the firefighting

effort. Smith has done a lot of research to tell us about Naval Lt. Frederick Freeman, whose firefighting efforts were the real untold story of the 1906 fires.

The book does read like a novel and a good one at that, but the lack of footnotes can be bothersome. For example, Smith mentions a fire in 1857 where the Chief ordered his men to pull down a house to create a firebreak and the owner of the house sued. He says that the case, *Cuneo vs. Gerry*, confirmed the right of the fire chief to destroy buildings in the interest of public safety, which obviously was very important come 1906. I was interested in reading the opinion, because of my ongoing research on San Francisco's legal history. But I couldn't find any California Supreme Court case by that name. I did find *Surocco vs. Geary*, 3 Cal. 69 (1857) that seemed to be the case he had in mind, albeit with somewhat different factual situation. I contacted Mr. Smith and he gave me the name of the San Francisco lawyer who had given him the case information. The lawyer told me he had remembered it off the top of his head from law school, but on checking at the Monadnock library, he couldn't find it.

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THE DEVIL AND THE WHITE CITY – Erik Larson

In August I went to Chicago to visit relatives and to get to know the city -- what an incredible place -- and read *The Devil and the White City* afterwards-- what great timing. It concerns Chicago's bid to host and build the great Columbian Exposition of 1893. Reading about all the setbacks and natural obstacles to the fair's completion, it's amazing that it not only got built but that it was such a worldwide success. The story of the fair is intertwined with the activities of the United States' first known serial murderer, Dr. H.H. Holmes, who happened to be in Chicago at the time of the Exposition and took great advantage of the occasion. R-e-a-l-l-y gripping.

EVA LUNA – Isabelle Allende (novel)

It is beautifully written in the first person, with digressions throughout as the heroine, Eva Luna, recounts stories of the people she meets during her lifetime of poverty, revolution and opportunities gained, lost and gained again in different forms. It was my first experience with South American mysticism, if that's the right word. The ghosts of Eva Luna's mother and other family members form an almost comforting network of spirits from whom she derives solace and strength in the worst moments she endures. It's high adventure, just the right tone for summer reading.

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PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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"Is Google's Ranking System Legal?" by George H. Pike, **Information Today**, v.23, no.6, June 1, 2006, p.17.

Google's proprietary page-ranking system is under fire by the Kinderstart.com company, which alleges in a lawsuit that Google quietly manipulates search results by blocking or de-indexing certain websites, without informing site owners of the action taken, Google's reasons for it, or offering the site-owner an opportunity to repair their relationship with Google. As a result, Kinderstart.com alleges, page-views fell 70% because the company name dropped from the top Google 10 ranking. Kinderstart.com alleges breaches of antitrust, communications laws and the First Amendment rights of site owners.

"Man Convicted of Murder in First Test of 'Double Jeopardy' Change," Associated Press, September 12, 2006.

<http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1157978122610>

Great Britain has just seen its first conviction under a law which became effective in April 2005 allowing the age-old principle of Double Jeopardy to be bypassed in cases of murder where compelling new evidence of guilt is subsequently found. The defendant, who had previously been cleared at trial, pled guilty to the murder of his girlfriend when faced with retrial after a prison officer claimed that the defendant had lied in court.

"Logging on to Law-Firm University" by Greg Ubbelohde, **Los Angeles Daily Journal**, v.199, no.113, June 13, 2006, p.6.

This article reports on the growing trend in law firms of using remote technology for continuing education instead of traditional classroom settings. The obvious benefit, especially for larger firms, is that it's easier to do training by remote rather than try to gather everyone into a classroom at one time. The article describes the training models set up at several different firms.

"Law Blogs Rise from Idle Chatter to Stuff of Case Citations" by Xenia P. Kobylarz, **Recorder**, no.168, August 29, 2006, p.4.

This short column reports the surprising findings of an independent researcher studying blogs and judicial opinions. Ian Best, a recent law school graduate, studied recent case rulings that cited blogs. He found 32 citations of legal blogs in 27 cases! A surprising number when one considers that the citation of unpublished opinions is still controversial! His study can be found at his website, "3L Epiphany".

http://3lepiphany.typepad.com/3lepiphany/2006/04/cases_citing_le.html

Blogs of interest:

Reference Question of the Week

http://reference_question_of_the_week.classcaster.org/blog/

Put together by an anonymous academic law librarian, this blog answers a wide range of legal reference questions, ranging from Presidential Proclamations to "How do I know when I'm done searching?"

Cornell University, The Johnson School Management Library, Question of the Week

http://www.library.cornell.edu/johnson/library/question_week.html

Another reference question of the week site, geared to business and management subjects but also useful for law librarians who do broad business research. It includes information like: how to generate a list of venture capital firms in San Diego that invest in biotech or how to find the largest non-profit company in the United States.



ACBA Barristers Golf Classic

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Query: What do Bad Boys Bail Bonds, Sail Away Cruises, and the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library have in common? **Answer:** They all helped sponsor the Second Annual Alameda County Bar Association (ACBA) Barristers Golf Classic. Other sponsors included JAMS – the Resolution Experts and several east bay law firms. The tournament was held on Friday, 18 August 2006 at Oakland's Metropolitan Golf Links.

Fifty-one golfers played in the tournament including Oakland City Attorney John Russo, the Hon. Robert McGuinness, ACBA Vice President Greg Silva, and ACBA President and CEB Director Pamela Jester. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the boxed lunch and dinner banquet. Winners of various competitions will also enjoy prizes such as spa packages, dinner for two at Chez Panisse, and certificates for golf gear and for Peets Coffee and Teas.

In addition to various gifts such as golf shirts donated by Bad Boys Bail Bonds, each player received an informational flyer about the law library and its services. This marks a new departure in our outreach campaign, and we eagerly wait additional opportunities for community involvement.

AALLchemy in St. Louis: Transformational Experiences at the Annual Conference, Part One

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I can't help it, it's just me. Seeing really smart people come together to share really excellent ideas and to plan for a better future gets me all metaphorical. There were moments at the events and programs I attended in St. Louis that stand out in my memory as transformational, each in its own way. Those moments are the focus of my conference review.

First, sincere thanks all around--to the NOCALL Grants Committee members who selected me as a recipient this year; to Kelly Browne, who gently nagged me forward through the application process; and to Coral Henning, for funding the difference that allowed me to attend the conference.

Also, I thank my co-worker Robyn Moltzen; the Sacramento public services librarians attend the annual conferences in rotation, and this year it was Robyn's turn. But in July she was eight months pregnant, so as her priorities necessarily changed, I was fortunate and happy to take her slot. Thanks again Robyn. Thank you, too, little Megan Delaney, and welcome to the world!

Readers who were unable to attend the conference this year, and who will not be purchasing the bound *Educational Materials* volumes or the audio program set, can find selected handouts at <http://programmmaterials.aallnet.org/>

The Sacramento County Public Law Library purchased the *Handout* volumes and most of the audio programs. Once processed for circulation, they will be available for you to borrow. I highly recommend the audio CDs, particularly for the programs I highlight below, which inspired me, and in which I hope you too will find some transformational moments.

Four of the sessions I attended looked at issues of public law librarianship, and specifically services to pro se patrons.

Pioneers in Self Help: A 21st Century Vision for Libraries, Self-Help Centers, Legal Aid Websites and Pro Bono Partners. This program grew out of the results of then-LISP Chair Sara Galligan's survey of SCCLL and LISP members. It showcased particularly strong Pro Se initiatives in Maryland and Minnesota, and described the dedicated library-court-legal services collaborations necessary to their continuing success.

The theme could be summed up in a quote from one of the first presenters: "How did we succeed so well? We had the involvement of a lot of people from early on."

Another speaker highlighted California's *Action Plan* as a successful effort other libraries could use as a model for developing their own initiative.

My co-workers know that the Access to Justice initiatives is where my primary professional interests lie.¹ As a lifelong champion of the underdog (I once was nicknamed Norma Rae), and strongly driven to affect improvements in library users' information seeking experience, this niche of law librarianship was a natural draw for me when I started as a public law librarian five years ago. It was wonderful to hear about these programs from the thoughtful, creative change agents themselves—Ayn Crawley and Pamela Gregory, Maryland Legal Assistance Network, and Susan Ledray, 4th Judicial District, Hennepin County Minnesota. Their confidence in their purpose and the wisdom of their experiences took my enthusiasm to a renewed high level; I am alert to new opportunities to help make a difference.

During this session there was the first of several mentions (in later programs as well) of www.selfhelpsupport.org. I registered at this website a couple of years ago. Membership allows one access to a bit more content on the site. The Library link takes you to a clearinghouse of tools participating libraries use to instruct and serve their pro se constituents.

The handout and the PowerPoint for the *Pioneers in Self Help* program are available on the AALL program materials site linked above.

The Maryland network's website is www.mdjustice.org/public/mlan.html. This network was a partner in the development of www.peoples-law.org/library.htm. Minnesota's Judicial Branch Self Help Center is at <http://www.courts.state.mn.us/selfhelp>

Joint Roundtable on Library Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners, was moderated by Amy Hale Janeke (formerly of San Diego County Public Law Library), and Barbara Golden, Minnesota State Law Librarian.

The first hour brought together diverse interest groups where their interests intersect: dealing successfully (and defining and measuring success!) with pro se patrons' needs and expectations. There was a huge turnout for this program. We all were seated in a big circle, speaking one by one of our library's services as they are now, how we hope they will evolve, and what tools we will need to get from here to there. Amy's relaxed and direct questioning style coaxed some truth-telling out of

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¹ See my article "Court and Spark: Kindling a Formal Partnership with the Courts on the Front Lines of Pro Se Innovation," in the Fall 2005 SCCLL Newsletter at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/membership/newsletter.htm>

the audience--members vented some, laughed a lot, shared successes and failures, and at the end of the session (speaking for myself) felt buoyed by the knowledge that we are all in this thing together wanting success for our pro se patrons, and that together, we can do it!

During Barb Golden's piece on the Minnesota Law Library Service to Prisoners project, she said "Prisoners have legal needs beyond their cases, with their immediate families, their businesses, their elderly parents..." That statement made me pause to reflect on my own brief professional experience in prison librarianship, and I can tell you that the prison environment is truly a different world that cannot be understood unless experienced. One can become indifferent, even hostile, to the expressed needs of some of these inmates. Replace "prisoners" with "pro se patrons" or any other (stereo)type of library patron and I am reminded just how many layers and dimensions of each patron's life I don't see when they are before me asking how to cite a case, find or fill out a form, or decipher an annotation. Each request for information must be looked at as if it were the first time I have heard it that day, no matter who is asking.

What Do YOU Want?: The Hidden Problem of Compassion Fatigue. Amy Hale-Janeke brought to the conference Dr. Charles R. Figley, FSU Institute of Traumatology, for an analysis of the side effects of working with pro se patrons.

Compassion Fatigue is a syndrome that affects service providers. It is often confused with Burnout. Burnout stems from a reaction to stressful situations caused by co-workers, bosses, bad schedules, etc., whereas compassion fatigue is work-related distress derived from experiencing the suffering of others and wanting to help relieve their suffering in some way. Dr. Figley showed a short video documenting conversations with animal care and shelter workers, who are at high risk for this painful cost of caring. He then gave a presentation on the theory and on his research (also pausing to give the titles of his books).

- "Avoiding certain clients is practicing good self care!" With that statement, Dr. Figley lent affirmation to my belief in the practice of letting your colleagues know if there is a patron with whom you have truly bad chemistry. When you see that patron enter your library or your immediate field of influence, colleagues will be ready to gracefully intercede before you or the patron you just should not be with stress each other out. If your colleagues have patrons that cause them psychic pain, you can return the favor.
- During the Q & A session, Dr. Figley was asked if he would consider giving this presentation to judges. I thought that was a wonderful idea.
- I recommend his website (www.figleyinstitute.com) for further and in-depth information on his work in this field.

Focus Group--Uncertainty Management. This focus group, the fourth session I attended that addressed public law librarianship, was not an official conference session but was solicited independently by Paul Healey, in support of some research he is doing on the communications theory of Uncertainty Management in the context of law librarians working with pro se patrons. I participated in the first of four groups, my group consisting of six librarians who work with pro se patrons at various types of libraries. During our moderated discussion, we were asked to give examples of aspects of our jobs that made us "uncertain" and explain our techniques for handling uncertainty. I began my first statement to the group by asking, somewhat rhetorically, whether uncertainty need always cause discomfort, because in working with pro se patrons I've grown quite comfortable in my uncertainty! But then, I've had about 20 years of reference librarianship to develop a *repertoire* of responses mitigating all varieties of unmet expectations, while making the patron still understand and appreciate the importance of the modest, if imperfect progress we made together.

- While there was a lot of expected talk about 'no legal advice' and how we each define it and draw the line, it was again transformational for me to meet a group of reasonable and thoughtful colleagues with whom to share an hour of satisfying conversation. I'm keeping my antennae out for the published results of Healey's research. The dynamics of librarian patron interaction fascinates me, and this work promises to be a fresh and interesting way of explaining it.
- An engaging example of writing on this theory can be found, within the context of health communication practice, at www.spcomm.uiuc.edu/dbrasher/uncertainty.pdf
- True to the metaphor used to title this article, there was gold revealed at this meeting! Goldie Burton that is, a delightful newly hired reference librarian from the Colorado Supreme Court library.
- One member of the group, also newly hired but in a different state at a different jurisdictional level, expressed her suspicion that court management is sending in pseudo patrons to ask her questions in order to evaluate whether she is giving 'legal advice', their understanding of the boundaries of which apparently cost the previous librarian her job.

I'll conclude Part I of my St. Louis conference experience here, and leave Part II to cover programs I attended that were not specifically addressing core aspects of my real life job but which provided their own alchemical moments, adding to the overall rejuvenation of my feelings of deep and abiding respect for my profession and its members (which, at their essence, is what annual conferences are all about, right? – renewing the faith of the converted.)

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But I can't stop typing until I tell you about the Variety Show. I confess to some pretty modest expectations going in. (Librarians? Singing? Dancing? And I'll be glad I went? Never in a million years!). Talk about alchemy! The people involved in this production, indomitably led by Kelly Browne, our Assistant Director for Public Services and my boss, transformed my skepticism into a golden evening of inspired and spirited performances, a couple of them possibly works of genius. The recitation of the MARC record was so amazing Bob Berring mentioned it during his plenary session address the next morning. The NOCALL Beat performed an inspired and clever adaptation of Ginsberg's *Howl*. The cast of the opening act included outgoing President Claire Germain; the number was unforgettable. I heard an objection or two to its PG-rated content, but it brought down the house, and I applaud the spirit in which it was conceived and performed. Bravo! The huge venue was standing room only, the evening a smashing success. I wish I had space to gush about more of the acts, but instead I'll say "You gotta see it!"

To earn my Variety Show t-shirt, my assignment that night was to circulate to collect signatures of the artists on one of the show's posters. Kelly now has hanging in her office a precious memento of this huge project, not without historical significance, signed as it is by current luminaries and four past presidents of the association (and perhaps a future *Antiques Roadshow* highlight?).

Kelly tells me the DVD is ready for purchase. It costs \$10.00; proceeds over and above production and mailing costs will be donated to the AALL Centennial Scholarship Fund. An order form is available on the [AALL Centennial Variety Show website](#). Just click on the link that says, "Buy the DVD," and you can download the form and mail it in with a check, or pay by credit card via phone or fax.

The Variety Show website has been made a members only site, so you now have to input your AALLNET user name and password to enter. Once there, however, in addition to buying the DVD, you can watch individual acts on Google Video™, view the PowerPoint™ credits, listen to the pod cast of the show, read the various acts scripts, including the parody lyrics, and more!

I'll leave you now, with that four star rating of our members' artistic achievement in commemoration of 100 years of the Association's growth and success. In the next Newsletter, I'll be back with Part II of AALLchemy in Saint Louis.



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NOCALL is pleased to be participating in the second annual Professional Legal Management Week, which is being held this year n October 2-6, 2006.

Professional Legal Management Week (PLMW) provides a forum for recognizing those in legal management for what they do and the role they play in the success of the organization. The objectives are to provide awareness, understanding and education about the legal management profession, and to increase knowledge of the diverse roles within the profession itself.

In conjunction with this celebratory week, NOCALL, along with other local chapters of national legal organizations, are sponsoring social events where attendees can meet, network with and learn from fellow legal professionals.

Last year, there was one social event held in San Francisco. This year, there will be four concurrent social events being held in the following areas:

- San Francisco
- Sacramento
- East Bay
- Silicon Valley

All events will be held on Thursday, October 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

More information will be coming shortly about the details for each location, as well as a way to RSVP for the event you want to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact NOCALL Secretary Holly Riccio (hriccio@omm.com).

ST. LOUIS WAS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER

Hadi Amjadi
Golden Gate University

The AALL Annual Meeting was the eighth national conference that I have attended. I am grateful to NOCALL, and to the members of the Grants Committee, for the grant I received, that helped me attend the conference this year. I was also fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Computer Services SIS, which covered my registration fee. My library was not able to pay for my expenses this year, and it is so heartening to know that our professional organizations are there to help members out, when there is a need.



This was a special year for me to attend because I wanted to support Prano as she began her term as NOCALL President. I will share with you a few of my favorite moments while in St. Louis.

I loved the Pacific chapters' reception. It was great to have all the SJSU SLIS alumni so visible; and I enjoyed meeting Ken Haycock, the new director of the SJSU program.

I have been active in CS-SIS for the past several years. This year we had a great program committee meeting in which we discussed several promising program proposals. I could not imagine attending a conference without being a part of this innovative and creative group. I also loved John Mayer's talk at the CS-SIS breakfast. He talked about some inventive projects law libraries can do to more efficiently deliver legal services to folks who can't afford it, i.e. the pro se patrons. He described the A2j author program which was used to walk the pro se thru a legal form.

This year the karaoke gathering of CS-SIS was particularly fun. We had a number of visitors from other SIS' who were determined to have fun like the rest of us. I feel this connecting was specially a rewarding experience for me.

However, the highlight of the entire conference was the chance to be on stage with the way cool women of the NOCALL Beat in the Centennial Variety Show organized by our own Kelly Browne. It was great fun coordinating with Julie Horst, Susan Mart, Leslie Forrester, Lee Ryan, Peg La France, Shannon Burchard, Diane Rodriguez and Donna Williams.

Many thanks to NOCALL grant committee for making it possible for me to attend the conference this year.

2005-2006 NOCALL Committee Annual Reports

AALL Liaison

This year was pretty much a cruise for the "committee" (just me) because we had a joint institute and the 3 Chapter Presidents entertained our AALL executive visitor and keynote speakers. Since acting as their host during the spring institute is the biggest single responsibility of the liaison position, my contributions to NOCALL were fairly limited. The only other official act I performed this year was to consult with President Pam Rino on the details of hosting a chapter VIP guest at the upcoming annual meeting in St. Louis.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Platt, Chair*

Academic Relations Committee

The Committee's Co-Chairs, Amy Wright and Jennifer Marshall, were appointed in February 2006. Since receiving these appointments, the Academic Relations Committee Co-Chairs have accomplished the following:

1. **Revised Academic Relations Committee Activity Statement.**

Jennifer drafted the new Academic Relations Committee statement, which reads as follows:

Charge:

- Establish connections with students and faculty at UC Berkeley School of Information Management and Systems and San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science, for the purpose of promoting law librarianship and recruiting new law librarians into the profession.
- As a secondary charge, establish connections with Northern California law schools for the purpose of promoting law librarianship and recruiting new law librarians into the profession.

Duties:

- Make faculty and students aware of NOCALL activities by making sure the schools receive, and encouraging them to post, the NOCALL newsletter.
- Encourage students to become active in NOCALL and AALL by mailing meeting announcements and having committee members greet and talk to students who attend meetings and join NOCALL.

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- Write regular committee reports for NOCALL newsletter.
 - Work with Grants Committee to disseminate grant applications for workshops, institutes and annual meetings.
 - Participate in receptions and career panels at schools.
 - Invite Deans to speak to NOCALL members on an annual basis and/or interview them for NOCALL newsletter.
 - Work with other NOCALL committees to develop and coordinate internships, job counseling, and mentoring relationships for students.
2. **Daily Journal Article.**
Jennifer also wrote an article for the *Daily Journal* (March 16, 2006), which discussed Jennifer's less-than-traditional path to becoming a law firm librarian.
 3. **Posting of NOCALL Job Openings on SLIS Job Listserv.**
Jennifer arranged to have Mary Staats send all NOCALL job postings to the SLIS job listserv so that SLIS students would have easy access to job postings within the Northern California law librarian community.
 4. **Collaboration with Public Relations Committee.**
Jennifer transitioned the Public Relations Committee to Susan Nevelow Mart. Jennifer served as the Co-Chair of the Public Relations Committee, and after her term was complete, the Committee went without a Chair for a few months. After Susan Nevelow Mart decided to serve as Chair of this committee, Jennifer shared her *Daily Journal* contacts with Susan so that she could resume the tradition of publishing a regular NOCALL column. Susan already has three months of authors lined up for NOCALL's *Daily Journal* column, which will increase the visibility of our profession.
 5. **Collaboration with SJSU SLIS Alumni Association.**
Amy made contact with the incoming president of the SJSU SLIS Alumni Association, Penny Scott, an academic librarian at the University of San Francisco. At Penny Scott's invitation, Amy has begun to attend the Association's Board meetings virtually so that she can stay abreast of opportunities to publicize law librarianship within the SLIS alumni and student community.
 6. **Attendance at 2006 SLIS Career Fair.**
After attending a SLIS Alumni Association Board meeting, Board members suggested that Amy speak at the 2006 SLIS Career Fair about preparing for a career in law librarianship. The Alumni Association held the Career Fair on Saturday, May 6. In addition to speaking, Amy distributed information about AALL and NOCALL membership to interested student attendees. Thanks to a great organizational effort by Elyse Eisner, Linda Meiss, Jessica Moran, Hella Bluhm-Steiber and others, approximately 50 students attended this year's Career Fair, and at least three of these students expressed a strong interest in joining NOCALL to Amy.
 7. **Meeting with Ken Haycock.**
Amy and Pam Rino met with Ken Haycock, Director of SJSU SLIS, in March 2006 to discuss ways that NOCALL and SLIS can collaborate more closely in the future. Pam invited Ken Haycock to be NOCALL's VIP guest at this year's AALL annual conference in St. Louis, and Ken has accepted our invitation. The meeting generated lots of exciting ideas, including the following:
 - Ken told us that he would be happy to consider NOCALL proposals for SLIS courses that go beyond the current legal research SLIS course offering, which essentially covers basic legal research resources for individuals who plan to become public library reference librarians. Ken also said that he would be very interested in developing a concentration of courses in legal librarianship. As a result, NOCALL's Susan Nevelow Mart has already proposed that she and Steve Feller co-teach a legal resources class, which would focus on the American legal system, basic legal research resources, and subject-specific legal resources. Linda Main has indicated that Susan and Steve may offer this course to SLIS students during next year's spring semester. As soon as possible, we would like to gather additional course suggestions as well as commitments to teach additional SLIS courses from NOCALL's members.
 - Ken also asked if NOCALL would be interested in establishing an annual graduation award for the outstanding graduating student in law librarianship. The logistics of the award still need to be discussed, but Ken wants more professional library associations to be visible by creating these awards. Ken

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mentioned that we could create an annual award with as little as a \$350 yearly donation to SLIS. The Committee's Co-Chairs would like NOCALL to consider making this commitment at the next NOCALL business meeting.

- Ken also mentioned that NOCALL could offer a stipend for internships, sponsor a lecture or presentation, or undertake other sponsorships that would make NOCALL more visible at SLIS.
- Ken has advertised for a new position within SLIS, which would be in charge of matching SLIS students with internships and practica in their areas of interest. We have not seen any announcements indicating that SLIS has filled this position, but we will notify NOCALL members if SLIS hires this new staffperson.
- Ken informed us that he and the rest of the SLIS faculty are planning to expand the practicum program to include a wider array of internship-like experiences. If these changes are adopted, students would have more freedom to fashion different kinds of internships. For example, the current practicum guidelines require student participants to keep a weekly journal as well as write an evaluation of their practicum worksite and experience. Ken has indicated that students could participate in a new course (which he called a "Professional Experience"), which would be more loosely structured than the practicum. Ken would also like interested libraries to partner with SLIS and agree to guarantee a minimum number of internships for SLIS students each academic semester. Ken envisions that libraries would sign a Memorandum of Understanding with SLIS, which would outline each institution's duties and contributions to the partnership.
- Finally, Ken asked us to consider forming a NOCALL student chapter, which could help us to organize on-campus events about law librarianship and network more effectively with the SLIS student body.

8. **Supplying Information About SLIS Interns to NOCALL.**

Amy posted detailed information on how law libraries can host a SLIS student intern on the NOCALL e-mail list.

9. **Informational Interviews.**

Amy continues to make herself available to library school students and librarians for informational interviews about careers in law librarianship. She has conducted four of these interviews in the past few months. The Committee Co-Chairs would like to develop a referral list of NOCALL members who are available to conduct informational interviews, with representation from each different type of law librarianship (law firm librarians, county law librarians, etc.).

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Marshall, Co-chair
Amy Wright, Co-chair*

Archives Committee

The archives had a quiet year with only a few action items:

In May 2005, Jaye Lapachet donated photos from the May 2005 business meeting.

In August 2005, Archives declined an offer of duplicate union lists.

During the past year, the Archives received two requests for information or documents.

- In July 2005, Archives copied institute materials and meeting minutes for 1980/1981.
- In March 2006, Archives could not locate a copy of the 1999 Nominations Committee report and also determined that the spring 1999 issue of *NOCALL News* was not published.

In April 2006, Archives received two boxes of archival material from Prano Amjadi, incoming NOCALL president. The materials will be sorted, logged, and filed over the summer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Regina Wallen, Chair*

Audit & Budget Committee

At the September 2005 Business Meeting, the budget was submitted to the NOCALL board for review and approval.

Due to a delay in our tax filing, the audit is currently underway.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Burchard, Chair*

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Awards Committee

NOCALL's immediate Past President is the ex-officio chair of the Awards Committee. The Procedures Manual states that the Committee consists of two additional members, who may not be current Executive Board members. The Committee's primary responsibility is to select a recipient of the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award.

Mark Mackler, who is a past NOCALL Professional Achievement Award recipient, and Linda Weir, who drafted the original Awards Committee Procedures served as my committee members. I want to express my gratitude to both of them for agreeing to serve and for doing such an outstanding job as committee members.

Several announcements and reminders were posted to the NOCALL list, and the Committee was pleased at the number of responses. Clearly, there are many deserving NOCALL members. If you submitted a nomination, but it was not selected, please re-submit it next year.

Once the deadline for nominations had passed, the Committee held one in-person meeting, where we discussed the merits of each applicant. Having such a wealth of candidates did not make the decision easy. However, we were pleased to announce that the 2006 NOCALL Professional Achievement Award would go to Judy Janes for her service to NOCALL and the greater law library community. Judy is currently the Associate Director of the University of California, Davis Law Library. She has served as a Past President of NOCALL, and has been a long-time Chair of the Government Relations Committee, responsible for passing important record-keeping legislation. She has also managed the law-lib list for many years, which is an extremely valuable asset to the law library community.

The Executive Board approved the selection, and Judy was honored at the NOCALL Annual Business Meeting in May 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Dumas, Chair

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Committee Members:
Mary Hood, Chair
Prano Amjadi

The focus of the committee's work was to bring to a vote two changes in the bylaws that had been under consideration for the past two terms: the right of associate members to serve on committees as members and/or chairs; and a new bylaw regarding conflict of interest to reflect the executive board's resolution on that matter.

Discussion of these changes occurred on the NOCALL listserv. A letter signed by many of the past presidents

encouraged the adoption of the new bylaws. The vote was taken at the January Business meeting, and both bylaws passed.

At that same meeting, there was a concern that different versions of the constitution and bylaws were posted in different places. The committee was charged to determine the correct version. As it turns out, an older version of the constitution and bylaws was part of the NOCALL Procedures manual, which had not been updated in a couple of years. It was determined that the constitution and bylaws should not be incorporated in future editions of the procedures manual to avoid this conflict in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Hood, Chair

Consulting Committee

The Consulting Committee continues to be a committee of one. For the period 2005-2006, I had four inquiries.

1. A question from a Sacramento, CA law firm law library about getting help in taking stock of their collection before converting to EOS Web.
2. A corporate librarian interested in becoming a law librarian and what I might suggest she do to get law library experience.
3. A call from a Southern California librarian inquiring about filing services in Northern California. To which I took a poll of the NOCALL list serve members and forwarded the recommendations. I also posted this information to the NOCALL list.
4. Finally an in-house consultation, with a law firm in Walnut Creek, CA to which I visited the firm and wrote up my recommendations and comments.

I have also informed Prano Amjadi that I will be concluding my services as Consulting Chair as of the end of May 2006. I am not interested in a new chairperson position at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon McNally Lahey, Chair

Education Committee

No report submitted.

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations committee monitored federal legislation this year and responded to the request from the national committee and Mary Alice Baish in November to contact congressional representatives to support efforts of House and Senate members who opposed the conference report (H.R. 3199) in favor of striking a better balance between expanded government surveillance and protection of civil liberties. AALL has long been on record as opposing several provisions of

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the USA PATRIOT Act that erode the privacy and confidentiality of library users. Specifically, we have opposed Sec. 215 that gives the government the power to access information from libraries about patron records without probable cause. We have also opposed Sec. 505 that allows the FBI to issue "National Security Letters" under gag order to compel production of Internet use records from any entity that provides the public with access to the Internet.

On another matter, the GRC participated in AALL's request for assistance in working with a coalition led by OMB Watch since late last year to try to stop the EPA from making three changes to the Toxic Release Inventory that would leave citizens in the dark about dangerous pollution in the community. AALL signed on to a letter to members of the House of Representatives urging support for the Pallone-Solis Toxic Right-To-Know Amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill. The amendment would prohibit the EPA from spending money to implement these changes to TRI. Again, committee members were asked to send letters supporting the amendment.

Unfortunately, no one from the committee was able to attend the California Legislative Day in Sacramento this year. I would encourage next year's chair to plan early to have someone from the committee attend. Continuing to build partnerships with other GRC's is important. There is always strength in numbers. It is a great committee. Most of the work is done by email, letter campaigns and monitoring legislation.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Janes, Chair*

Grants Committee

This year, a total of 4 grants were awarded to various members of NOCALL. In addition, we administered an AALL Chapter Registration Award. Details follow:

- \$600 was awarded in March of 2006 to NOCALL President (now Past President) Pam Rino to attend the NOCALL Spring Institute in Sacramento.
- A Memorial Award for \$400 in honor of Mary Glennon, former Hastings Law Librarian, was issued to Hadi Amjadi of Golden Gate University Law Library to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Louis.
- A Memorial Award for \$750 in honor of Mary Glennon, former Hastings Law Librarian, was issued to Mareth Wilson of Sacramento County Public Law Library to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Louis.
- A Memorial Award for \$750 in honor of Mary Glennon, former Hastings Law Librarian, was issued to Janice Litton of the US Attorneys Office in San Francisco to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Louis.

- Susan Nevelow Mart was awarded the AALL Chapter Registration Award from AALL. This award covered the cost of registration for the conference.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Dippery, Chair*

Membership Committee

I will remain in the Chair position for the 2006-2007 year to be succeeded by Greg Fite. Both Greg Fite and Tina Dumas will be participating in Membership Committee activities this year. Renewal forms have been mailed. The first renewal deadline is June 16. To be included in the next directory, members must submit their renewal forms and dues by no later than August 15. We will be sticking to our schedule much more closely this year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ramona Martinez, Chair*

Memorials Committee

The Memorials Committee consists of Nina Porcella, Linda Spath and Mark Mackler. Working with the Grants Committee, we named a NOCALL Grant in memory of Mary Glennon of Hastings College of the Law Library.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Mackler, Chair*

Newsletter Committee

We have published five issues of the *NOCALL News* this year.

Thanks to all who contributed articles this year. A special thanks to the Newsletter Committee members (Mark Mackler, Nora Levine, Erin Murphy, and Susan Llano) for their continuing contributions and support.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Pinard, Chair*

Nominations Committee

Committee Members:
Donna Williams, Chair
Lauri Flynn
Erin Murphy

We started contacting members in August 2005 to run for office for the 2006-07 year. We think we presented an excellent slate of candidates. We thank all the NOCALL members who did decide to run for office. We realize it is a big commitment, but one that is very fulfilling both personally and professionally. We were proud to offer a diverse mix of candidates by library type and location for the 2006-07 slate.

We do hope that the issue of Contested vs. Uncontested
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Slates gets taken care of. I stated all of the "Pros" of an uncontested slate in the November / December issue of NOCALL News "NOCALL Uncontested Elections, Pros & Cons to Kick Off the Discussion." If the Board has any further questions, please contact anyone on the committee.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Williams, Chair*

Placement Committee

The Placement Committee continues to be a committee of one, as logistically it only requires one person. I maintain the **Jobs** portion of our web page, advise job seekers, prospective employers and employment agencies about how NOCALL placement works and promote NOCALL and law librarians to anyone who calls me.

This year I have been including the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Studies on email announcements of jobs. I have also been communicating more with the SCALL placement people, as we frequently post job positions on both listservs and web pages. After all, there are only two library schools in California — one in Northern California and one in Southern California. This year I was asked to post positions out of state. So word of NOCALL's job page travels throughout the Pacific Northwest, or at least that is how I like to look at it.

Professional positions posted: **75**
Paraprofessional positions posted: **23**
Positions posted for jobs outside Northern California: **27**
Positions posted for jobs outside California: **5**
Positions I know were filled: **13**

Only 13 prospective employers informed me that the positions were filled. I continue to rely upon the grapevine for finding out what jobs are filled.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Staats, Chair*

Public Access Committee

Committee Members:
Coral Henning, Chair
Leslie Forrester
Jean Willis
Kelly Browne

The Public Access to Legal Information Committee did not conduct any workshops so far this year. The committee does have an all day workshop scheduled as a pre-conference option for the annual meeting of the California Library Association in November 2006. The title is: **Fundamental Legal Research Skills for the 21st Century (non-law) Librarian.**

Description of Workshop:

Stymied by legal reference questions? Fret no more! This fast-paced workshop teaches legal reference skills, including locating and using materials found in most general academic and public libraries and the Internet. Find out about California and Federal court systems. Learn legal reference tips and tricks. Feel comfortable referring patrons to county law libraries.

Learning Objectives:

- Workshop participants will be able to identify at least three viable legal websites for patron referral and library staff use.
- Workshop participants will confidently know when and how to take the first steps towards answering patrons' basic legal reference questions.
- Workshop participants will understand what the unauthorized practice of law entails as well as how to avoid it.

Audience Expertise:

Introductory

Program Type:

Day-long pre-conference workshop to be offered on Friday, November 10, 2006

Committee member Kelly Browne, Assistant Director for Public Services at the Sacramento County Public Law Library, will be chairing this committee next year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Coral Henning, Chair*

Public Relations Committee

No report submitted.

Spring Institute Committee

Committee Members:
Prano Amjadi, Chair
Hadi Amjadi
Marissa Andrea
Susanne Dyer
Coral Henning
Jenny Kanji
Ellen Platt
Carolina Rose
Donna Williams

NOCALL joined with SCALL and SANDALL to offer a joint institute in Sacramento in to order make the most of the AALL Centennial celebration. It was held on March 31st and April 1st at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. The event was titled: The 3rd All-California Joint Institute Capitol Resources: Gateway to California Business Regulation.

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The co-chairs of the event were VP/Pres. Elect Prano Amjadi, from NOCALL, VP/Pres. Elect Patrick Meyer from SCALL and Ellie Slade, President of SANDALL. VIP guests attending the institute included the AALL chapter visitor, Mary Alice Baisch, Tim Coggins from the AALL Government Relations Committee, and Susan Hildreth the California State Librarian.

The event was a success with more than 140 registrants and 22 vendors exhibiting. There were four half day pre-institute workshops offered by CCCL, LexisNexis, and Westlaw, along with a Tech Services workshop offered by the joint institute.

Although all the accounting has not been completed, it appears that the institute made a profit of near ten thousand dollars, of which NOCALL will have a share based on attendance.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Prano Amjadi, Chair*

Union List Committee

I have some price information from Joni Cassidy of Cassidy Cataloguing Services for a new Union List product.

When looking over these prices please bear in mind that up to this point in time we have had the good fortune to be able to ride on the coat-tails of the State Digital Library Project. The result being that we have never had to pay for software or data input costs - only the purchase of a master copy of the List when we wanted to produce a new edition. As this avenue is no longer available to us we have had to contemplate other (and pricier) options.

Having said that - please review the attached list of Project Steps. This will outline for you the steps Joni suggests we take to achieve a web-based Union List database. Next is the Estimated Cost sheet. Joni has broken down our estimated costs for the first year. She has indicated a price for purchasing a master copy (hard copy) of the Union List. It is not clear to me what other costs on this breakdown would also apply if we were to decide to go with a hardcopy of the List only - forgoing the database idea altogether. I have asked her to supply us with that scenario. However, I think we can safely assume it will be substantially more than the last List we produced: each copy of which we sold for \$120.00. Please also take a look at a possible Pricing Scenario I drew up.

Some Thoughts on Moving Forward

- My sense is that not many firms (and I imagine even less academic or government) libraries will be willing to spend this kind of money for a Union List
- Most libraries will opt to continue to use email to locate periodicals for ILL needs

- We may have to expand the Union List to include more than just periodicals to make it more attractive - but this may drive the cost up even further.
- Before venturing into this kind of project we would need iron-clad commitment from enough libraries to make the List useful and profitable.
- We need to think about what may result if we do go forward with a web based Union List with only partial buy-in. If some libraries are committed to using a database and others continue to rely on email - what happens to the spirit of sharing and cooperation? Will subscribing libraries no longer be willing to lend materials to non-subscribing? Is this contrary to the idea and purpose of a Union List?

Next Steps

- I will get a cost estimate for a paper List only from Joni.
- I would like to contact other chapters who are using web based Lists to see how they have handled some of these issues as well as pricing out the start up and ongoing subscriptions. I have heard the D.C. has made participation mandatory for any library that wants to borrow in the community. But I don't know if we want to be that draconian.
- The Board may want to discuss whether it even wants to contemplate making a (potential) \$7000.00 commitment to start-up costs.
- At some point we may want to do a survey (Zoomerang?) of NOCALL members to see what people are willing to commit to and spend down the road.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pati Traktman, Chair*

Web Page Committee

Unfortunately, all I have to report is that I am stepping down as chair of the Web Committee and Janet Fischer is going to take over. I just have not been able to give the site the attention it needs. I hope to remain on the committee to help out.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Ann Forrester, Chair*





THE LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS HAS BEGUN - YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO DO IT!

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Need a push to get started? Well, here it is. The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

Open Division: for active and retired 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; and the

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The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting, coming up in New Orleans! Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association's prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, please visit the AALL Web site at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

Submissions this year must be postmarked March 1, 2007, so don't waste any time getting started.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair, Renee Rastorfer, rrastorfer@mac.com; Ed Greenlee, egreenle@law.upenn.edu; or Joe Gerken, gerken@buffalo.edu. Good luck



In an effort to get information to the NOCALL membership in a more timely and effective manner, the NOCALL Executive Board made and passed a motion to publish NOCALL meeting minutes in *NOCALL News* as soon after the meetings as possible, with a notation at the top of the minutes that they are "PROPOSED," if they have not been approved yet.

NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2006
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Continuing Education of the Bar
Oakland, CA

PROPOSED MINUTES

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.

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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 5th 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 7th. Susan is also working on getting NOCALL to put on legal research sessions at the upcoming ABA conference in San Francisco.

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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.

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

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

If you or your staff members have attended a seminar, published an article, received an award, or if you have done anything interesting, personally or professionally, please let us know!

Submit articles of any length to Mary Pinard at mpinard@saclaw.org

2006 – 2007 submission deadlines:

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May/June – May 4

NOCALL Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 24, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Marines' Memorial Club
San Francisco, CA

Present: Pam Rino, Tina Dumas, Prano Amjadi,
Holly Riccio, Julie Horst.

Pam Rino called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**
The minutes from the previous Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.
5. **Contested Elections vs. Uncontested Elections**
Our bylaws on the NOCALL web site and the NOCALL Membership Directory are the same and are updated and correct. The bylaws state that there can be one candidate or more for each position. Pam Rino proposed that we have an advisory vote at the Business Meeting to see what the consensus of the membership is and make a decision about this in the coming year.
6. **Book Drive Results**
The book drive was a fabulous success. We had six firms participate and those firms collected over 1,200 books and over \$1,400.00. The Children's Book Project is happy to do this again with NOCALL next year and Pam Rino has volunteered to organize next year's event.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
Julie Horst read through her Treasurer's rap. "We are in the black."

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Grant for Julie for "Becoming a Beloved Special Librarian"**
Julie Horst asked if NOCALL could assist her in attending. There was discussion amongst the board and, since this was requested after the meeting, and because another NOCALL Board member also attended and did not get NOCALL assistance, it was decided not to provide any monetary assistance for this.
2. **Grant for Pam for AALL**
Pam Rino has won an AALL registration grant and a PLL-SIS travel grant for the AALL Annual Meeting, so the only costs she has to cover are her hotel expenses. There was discussion amongst the board and it was decided to make sure that there is always discretionary money in the budget to send someone from the NOCALL Board to the AALL Annual Meeting, if the need arises. There was a motion to give a grant to Pam Rino to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to cover hotel expenses up to \$700 and the motion was seconded and passed.

3. **Partner at openthegovernment.org**
Pam Rino reported that Susan Nevelow Mart is interested in us being involved in this organization. Mary Alice Baish had talked about this at the Joint Institute. Susan will be bringing some materials about this and discuss it with the membership at the Business Meeting.
4. **Representative at 2006 CONELL Marketplace**
We have been asked to send a representative to staff the NOCALL table at the CONELL Marketplace at the AALL Annual Meeting. Julie Horst and Holly Riccio have volunteered to do this.
5. **Hosting Ken Haycock at AALL**
Pam Rino will be asking NOCALL members to let her know if they are interested in spending time with our VIP, Ken Haycock, and joining him at some of the scheduled lunches and events that he will be attending.
6. **Union List**
Pam Rino reported that we had a Union List, but we lost our printing capacity for it, so we have been exploring an online version with Joni Cassidy of Cassidy Cataloging, who is currently doing this for another AALL Chapter. The costs that Joni provided to Union List Committee Chair Pati Traktman are quite high. Each participating library would have to pay \$400 initially and there would be other costs for NOCALL to incur as well. The costs would go down for the participating libraries in subsequent years. Pati is going to find out what the cost would be to use Cassidy Cataloging to just generate a paper Union List and also see what other AALL Chapters that are doing online Union Lists are paying and what their thoughts are on it. She also wants to do a survey of the NOCALL membership about this.
7. **Professional Legal Management Week 2006**
Holly Riccio reported that NOCALL will be participating in local networking events with other bay area legal management organizations. Professional Legal Management Week will be the week of October 2nd and the networking events will be held on Thursday, October 5th after work. This year, instead of having just one event in San Francisco, there will be four concurrent events in the following areas: San Francisco, East Bay, Silicon Valley and Sacramento. Location details are still being worked out. Once more information is available, Holly will send it to the NOCALL listserv.
8. **Committee Reports**
Pam Rino is getting all of the annual reports for each committee. Holly Riccio will work with her and Prano Amjadi to get all the reports and compile them for publication in the next issue of *NOCALL News*.
Pam Rino adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Riccio
NOCALL Secretary

NOCALL Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2006
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Marines' Memorial Club
San Francisco, CA

Pam Rino called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
There were approximately 66 members in attendance.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Swearing In of New Executive Board

Fran Jones introduced Justice James Marchiano, Presiding Judge, California Court of Appeal, 1st District, Division One. Justice Marchiano swore in new Board members Prano Amjadi, Coral Henning, Peg LaFrance, Greg Fite, Julie Horst, and continuing Board members Holly Riccio and Pam Rino.

2. Thank You to Thomson West for Lunch

Pam Rino thanked Thomson West for their generosity in hosting our luncheon at the Marines' Memorial Club.

3. Professional Achievement Award – Judy Janes

Tina Dumas introduced Judy Janes as the recipient of the NOCALL Professional Achievement Award for her continuing contributions and initiatives toward the law librarian community. Judy Janes graciously accepted the award.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

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

2. Contested Elections vs. Uncontested Elections

Pam Rino reminded us that this had been discussed at the January meeting. The suggestion back then was that we offer a single slate of candidates, but it had to be tabled at last meeting due to bylaws confusion. The bylaws questions have now been resolved, so we can now move forward with the discussion. There was an article written with pros and cons and published in *NOCALL News*. Pam read through the pros and cons. There was a discussion about adding something to the bylaws that would not let someone run for the same position in consecutive elections. Pam stated that the vote we are about to take is advisory for the Nominations Committee of what the membership would like to see happen. Both Donna Williams and Todd Bennett commented that it is often hard to get multiple candidates for some of the positions. Pam asked for the members in attendance to vote by a show of

hands and the vote was 40 in favor of uncontested elections and 8 opposed.

3. Book Drive Results

Pam Rino reported that NOCALL participated in a children's book drive, the proceeds going to The Children's Book Project of San Francisco. Over 1,200 books and over \$1,400 were collected by the libraries that participated. The Children's Book Project is thrilled and is looking forward to working with NOCALL again next year. Pam has volunteered to work on this next year.

4. Treasurer's Report

Julie Horst presented the treasurer's rap, stating that this is a warm up for what is going to take place at the Centennial Celebration at the AALL Annual Meeting. Kelly Browne reported about the Centennial Variety Show on Tuesday night with 9 acts, with one being the NOCALL Rap. Volunteers are needed to rap for NOCALL in the variety show. They have a choreographer and costumes and are still working on the lyrics.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Destroy Ballots

Pam Rino reported that, although we held our first online election, we still had to mail out some paper ballots to members without access to the Internet. A motion was made to destroy the ballots from the Spring 2006 election. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Partner at openthegovernment.org

Susan Nevelow Mart stated that there was a handout about this at the registration table. MAB is a member of the board and spoke about this at the Joint Institute. Last year they spent a lot of time doing a secrecy report on what has happened in the government in the last four years, put together service announcements and cartoons, dedicated to the fact that the public has a right to know government information. Their position is in line with the goals of AALL. Only one AALL Chapter has signed up to be a coalition partner, but AALL, ALA, SLA and ARL and SEALL are all coalition partners. The question was asked about why should we join when AALL is already a member? Susan responded that it is a show of force and support. Mary Alice Baish from AALL's Washington Affairs Office is asking all AALL Chapters to support this. A motion was made to support this. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Representative at 2006 CONELL Marketplace

Pam Rino reported that we have been asked to have a representative at the CONELL Marketplace and Julie Horst has volunteered to do this.

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4. **Hosting Ken Haycock at AALL**

Pam Rino reported that we have a VIP this year at AALL. We want to make sure that we use this opportunity to tell him about what law librarians need and how we can work with them and their library program at San Jose State University. Pam wants to have some meetings set up for him to meet different law librarians. If you are interested in being involved in meeting with him, let Pam know. Pam also reported that NOCALL will once again be having a table at AALL, so if you want to volunteer to work a shift there, please contact her.

5. **Union List**

Pam Rino reported that we have been in limbo for several years now with the Union List. We are no longer able to have it printed as we had in the past. Pati Traktman has been working on finding other options for us, including an online version of the Union List. She has been working with Cassidy Cataloging Services, who is already working on a similar project for the New Jersey Law Libraries Association. The costs for this are fairly high. The one-time cost for NOCALL would be \$7,000. In addition, participating libraries that put their collections online would have to pay \$400 the first year and \$50 in the second year. NOCALL's continuing maintenance costs would be \$5,000/year. Pati is going to talk to Joni to get a cost for a paper list only. She is also going to talk to other Chapters that are using web-based lists to see what they are using. At some point, we need to do a survey of the memberships, since we can't move forward on a project this large without getting people to commit to participating in advance. There was a discussion about how people use the Union List and what its value is to NOCALL members, including discussion of possibly adding more than serials to make it more useful. There was a suggestion that NOCALL look into applying for a grant to subsidize the cost. Pam stated that we will need to officially gauge the interest and put out a survey to the membership about this.

6. **Committee Reports**

• **AALL Liaison**

Pam Rino reported for Ellen Platt that this was a quiet year for the committee. Ellen consulted with Pam Rino on the details of hosting a Chapter VIP at the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

• **Academic Relations**

Amy Wright reported that they have gotten a fair amount done in the last four months. Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Marshall redrafted the duties and charges for the committee. They have stated that they will reach out both to library school and law school students. Amy has volunteered at Hastings to talk on panels about alternative careers for JDs. Jennifer had a *Daily Journal* article in March about her path to law librarianship. Jennifer worked with NOCALL Placement Chair Mary Staats to make sure that all our job postings are on the SJSU listserv, in addition to the NOCALL listserv. Amy has been asked to speak at the SJSU career event. Their

meeting with Ken Haycock was a great meeting with great ideas. Ken is an exciting tour de force that is going to make a lot of changes in the program. Amy said that they are considering starting an award to be given to the SJSU student that shows the most promise in law librarianship. Ken Haycock is still trying to pursue a new position which would have one staff person in charge of all internships, which would streamline the process. The committee is working with Susan Nevelow Mart and Steve Feller, who have proposed to co-teach a legal resources class. They need five firm librarians to volunteer to help teach some of the sessions. They will be working on the curriculum over the summer. Amy is getting requests for informational interviews and is conducting these herself, but needs volunteers that would be willing to do informational interviews.

• **Archives**

Pam Rino reported for Regina Wallen that the committee had a quiet year. In May 2005, Jaye Lapachet donated photos from the May 2005 Business Meeting. In August 2005, Archives declined an offer of duplicate Union Lists. The committee received two requests for information or documents. In April 2006, the committee received two boxes of archival material from Prano Amjadi. The materials will be sorted, logged and filed over the summer.

• **Awards**

Tina Dumas thanked her committee, Mark Mackler and Linda Weir. She stated that they received a large number of nominations for the Professional Achievement award this year.

• **Consulting**

Pam Rino reported for Sharon Lahey that there were four inquires in 2006. Sharon will also be concluding her services as Chair of the committee.

• **Government Relations**

Judy Janes reported that we really haven't taken on any projects this year, but have been monitoring things coming from Mary Alice Baish and the AALL Washington Affairs Office.

• **Grants**

Pam Rino reported for Teresa Dippery. Pam Rino was awarded a grant to attend the Joint Institute. The committee administered the distribution of an AALL Chapter Registration Award to Susan Nevelow Mart. Applications for NOCALL grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting will be accepted through June 10th. Also, one of the grants this year will be a memorial grant in honor of Mary Glennon.

• **Membership**

Ramona Martinez reported that Greg Fite and Tina Dumas will be on the committee this year. The committee will work on sticking to deadlines more and getting the directory published on time. She also reminded everyone that renewals just went out.

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NOCALL Crossover Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Morrison and Foerster LLP
San Francisco, CA

- **Nominations**
Donna Williams reported that they had a great slate. She thanked her committee members, Lauri Flynn and Erin Murphy
- **Public Access**
Coral Henning said this was a slow year this year, but they have a workshop planned for the CLA in Sacramento. She reported that Kelly Browne will be the new Chair.
- **Public Relations**
Susan Nevelow Mart reported that she just took over as Chair of this committee. She put out a request to the NOCALL listserv looking for people to write articles for the *Daily Journal* and has gotten a lot of responses. She now has articles lined up for the next five months. She wants to brainstorm other ways to connect with the broader legal community.
- **Spring Institute**
Prano Amjadi reported that we had a joint Institute with the three California Chapters. The Institute made between \$7,000 to \$10,000 total, so NOCALL will get a portion of that. She thanked the people on her committee and said that it was a really wonderful program.
- **Web Page**
Pam Rino reported for Leslie Forrester that she is stepping down as Chair and Janet Fischer will be the new Chair.

7. Board Appreciation and Passing of the Gavel

Pam Rino presented Tina Dumas with a plaque. Tina thanked all the committee Chairs and members over the last three years. She said that it was very rewarding and if you're not involved in NOCALL, please step and get involved.

Pam Rino then passed the gavel to Prano Amjadi. "She's all yours." She also passed over the cable car bell.

Prano Amjadi gave a gift to Pam Rino as a thank you for all her work this year. Pam thanked everyone and said how proud she was of everything they had accomplished over the year.

8. Comments from Thomson West

Craig Griffith is the new Librarian Relations Manager for West and has been in the role since February. He reminded us that, in his role, he is here for us. He will be holding a librarian update on June 6th and 8th and the e-invites will be going out tomorrow. He also thanked Pam Rino and everyone who helped to put this meeting and lunch together.

Pam Rino adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Riccio
NOCALL Secretary

Present: Prano Amjadi, Coral Henning, Donna Purvis, Holly Riccio, Lauri Flynn, Shannon Burchard, Tina Dumas, Peg LaFrance, Mary Pinard, Amy Wright, Mark Mackler, Michael Ginsborg, Julie Horst, Ed Hosey, Pam Rino

Prano Amjadi called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

1. Welcome

Prano Amjadi stated that the purpose of this meeting is to give everyone a chance to meet and bounce some ideas off a larger group than the NOCALL Board.

2. Committee Chairs (Introductions and Board Liaisons)

We went around the room and each person introduced themselves, saying what institution they were with and what their NOCALL role is.

3. NOCALL Procedures Manual

Prano Amjadi reported that we have run into problems with including our Constitution and Bylaws in the Procedures Manual. She suggested that we do away with the paper version of the Procedures Manual and put all the information on the web and only update and maintain the web version. Each committee should have a short description of their committee as their first page and then have more information, such as detailed procedures and annual reports. Shannon Burchard suggested putting the compiled annual report for each year and having each committee's page link to their portion.

4. Business Meeting Speakers

Prano Amjadi said that one of her goals is to find out what is the importance of NOCALL to the membership. She said one of the issues is time, even with people that are quite involved in the association. Shannon Burchard said that many members utilize more of the informal activities, such as local brown bag lunches. Amy Wright asked if we had done a survey of the membership and Prano said that is what she was thinking about doing. Prano said that other organizations (such as SLA) have more substantive/topical information, such as speakers, included as part of their regular business meetings. Pam Rino said that AALL has grant money to sponsor programs or pay for speakers. Prano said that the Spring Institute will be focused on strategic planning for NOCALL and, in anticipation of that, some surveys of the membership will be conducted. The final product of this would be to come up with measurable goals for each of the committees and figure out how to come up with strategies to achieve these goals. Hopefully, the NOCALL Executive Board will be able to have a "train the trainers" session beforehand so that the Board is well versed in the process to be able to guide the

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membership through this process. Shannon suggested that we perhaps try to work with SLA and partner with them on some of the more social-oriented events. Prano is thinking of having the September Business Meeting at CEB in Oakland at 2:00 p.m. with the NOCALL Board Meeting immediately prior at 12:00 noon.

5. **Union List**

Pam Rino reported that we received a proposal from Cassidy Cataloging for an online Union List. The commitment would be \$7,000 from NOCALL initially and going forward the monthly maintenance would be \$375. Participating libraries would pay \$400 the first year and \$50 in subsequent years. Pati Traktman is looking into the cost of doing a paper Union List. If NOCALL doesn't move forward with this, the MSFLG group is interested in trying to do this, or at least make a decision and get the ball rolling. Pam suggested putting out a survey to figure out what the interest is from the membership. Pam will work on finding someone to research other Union List options (print and electronic) and move this project forward.

6. **SJSU SLIS Scholarship**

Pam Rino reported that we've had some discussions with Ken Haycock for getting NOCALL into a better working relationship with the library school. Ken suggested us offering a scholarship to let students know that law librarianship is a viable profession. If we can provide \$5,000 that would endow a long term scholarship. The details would still need to be worked out, such as who would choose the recipient. Tina brought up the idea of having a raffle for registration to the AALL Annual Meeting. Amy Wright suggested that the scholarship should be at least \$500 each year. Shannon Burchard suggested promoting the fact that NOCALL student members can apply for grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

7. **Web Page / Logo**

Prano Amjadi reported that Janet Fischer wants to change the look of the NOCALL web page and the NOCALL logo. Prano passed around some samples of proposed new looks and said that Janet will be working on this year. There was an overall feeling that the site needed a fresh look. The front page option with the Calendar of Events as the main focus was judged to be the best design.

8. **Membership Tasks via AALL**

Prano Amjadi reported that the NOCALL Membership Committee will be looking at some of the services that AALL is offering, each at an additional cost, and see if any of them are viable options for NOCALL. There is an initial charge for the set up of the database, but we have already paid that, since we did that when we held our recent online elections.

9. **Placement (Charging for Posts)**

Prano Amjadi reported that the question has come up that when we post non-library jobs, do we charge for these listings. Mary Staats said that she has always been opposed to charging, both because the

goal is to match employers and job seekers and it would also add another level of administration to accept payment. Mary did say that they could add committee members to help take care of the administrative tasks, if NOCALL wanted to do this. Tina Dumas suggested that we ask for an expiration date, or that after 90 days, the job description goes in to an archive. There was general agreement that we should not charge for posting and a suggestion was made that we ask for donations.

10. **Spring Institute**

Coral Henning reported that her committee is being formed and they are looking at finding locations and making sure there are no conflicting meetings.

11. **Book Drive**

Pam Rino reported on the Children's Book Drive. There were a small number of participants, but they produced a lot of donations. One of the problems was that it wasn't announced early enough for some libraries to be able to plan for it and participate. Now that we've done all the leg work, we will do it again this year and start promoting it in the fall.

12. **Other Committee Topics**

Pam Rino said that one of the things that came out of some of her discussions with Ken Haycock was that NOCALL needs to come up with a list of classes that we think would be useful to students at SJSU SLIS to take to prepare them to be law librarians. There was a suggestion that we need to form a task force to work on this issue.

Holly Riccio reported that NOCALL is participating again this year in the Professional Legal Management Week activities. This year, there will be four social events in San Francisco, Sacramento, Silicon Valley and Walnut Creek, all taking place on Thursday, October 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Details for all the locations and official invitations are still being worked on, but a "Save The Date" e-mail will be sent to the NOCALL listserv soon.

Shannon Burchard mentioned that she and Diane Rodriguez were going to submit a program proposal to AALL for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans next year and she asked if NOCALL would sponsor the program.

There was also a discussion of a program proposal for a sneak preview of the documentary *The Hollywood Librarian*. However, since the film is slated to be released before the Annual Meeting, it was seen as a moot point. There was a suggestion that we might have a showing of the film, along with a discussion with the filmmaker, as our Fall Workshop.

Prano Amjadi adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Riccio
NOCALL Secretary

NOCALL Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2006
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Continuing Education of the Bar
 Oakland, CA

Present: Pam Rino, Prano Amjadi, Holly Riccio, Julie Horst, Coral Henning, Greg Fite.

Prano Amjadi called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes from both the previous Board Meeting in May and the Crossover Meeting in August were reviewed and approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Julie Horst reported that our year ends on May 31st and our income from the Joint Institute didn't get deposited until June, so the Treasurer's Report still doesn't have the Joint Institute deposit included. Prano Amjadi suggested that the Audit and Budget Committee work with the Committee chairs in the Spring to come up with a proposed budget for the next year's Committee chair. This would avoid the crunch that happens under the current procedures. There is room for changes after that, since the Board doesn't approve the budget until September.

The Board agreed to add a line item for the AALL VIP at a previous meeting, so we just need to figure out what area to put it under. Prano Amjadi suggested that it be added as a line item under Administration. Julie Horst reported that our AALL VIP spent about \$700 this past year, which covered the flight and hotel costs.

Greg Fite reported for the Membership Committee that they are looking at using AALL for both the maintenance of our records and the directory. The directory produced by AALL doesn't seem to have geographical listings, so Greg will verify this with AALL, since that would make a big difference. If we want to continue to do it ourselves, we would need to purchase a new version of software we use to maintain the data and that would cost \$500. The costs associated with AALL would be \$250 for initial set up and testing, and then \$300/year for updates. Julie Horst made a motion to put enough money in the Membership Directory Production line item to cover either the costs of switching to AALL or purchasing updated software. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Approve Budget

A motion was made to adopt budget as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. Professional Legal Management Week Update

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 5th 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. Prano Amjadi stated that this year there were also sponsorship opportunities for vendors and that Holly secured Thomson West to be a gold sponsor for the events.

5. Spring Institute Update

Coral Henning reported that she did explore lots of locations for holding the Spring Institute, but none of the unique and fun locations can accommodate our Internet needs for the vendors. This means going back to holding it in a hotel. The dates of the Institute will be April 27-29, 2007. She is working on finding a speaker, hopefully local, so we can keep costs down. The Board will have a training session before the Institute so the Board is trained to act as facilitators for the break out groups. Pam Rino suggested that NOCALL apply for AALL Continuing Professional Education Grant.

6. Scheduling AALL Chapter Visit

Donna Williams is going to be submitting a request for an AALL visitor for the Spring Institute. Pam Rino suggested that we ask for an AALL visitor that would have the most to contribute as far as strategic planning goes, since that will be the focus of the Institute.

7. Newer Member Board Member

The Board came to the conclusion that the Nominations Committees' procedures are quite unclear. There is a charge for the committee, but the bylaws don't state that the Member At Large positions should be either newer or more experienced. What needs to be decided is what is the role of the Member At Large. Prano Amjadi will contact the Nominations Committee to see what they know about this. There was a suggestion that this be one of the topics for discussion at the Spring Institute.

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8. Union List Update

Prano Amjadi suggested creating a task force for this. Pam Rino stated that she can't take up a task force right now, but she wants to follow this through to the next step, since it came up during her presidency. Prano suggested stating at the Business Meeting that we will be looking for people and appointing people to go over the survey results.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Government Relations Committee Letters

Prano Amjadi asked whether she needed to come to the Board for everything she signed or did as it relates to the Government Relations Committee. Coral Henning suggested that these kinds of requests go through our Government Relations Committee and, once they have approved them, they could be signed off on by the Board and signed by the President.

2. Membership Survey Task Force

Prano Amjadi discussed doing a survey of the membership at the Crossover meeting. She is looking for a few people to help her with this and will be creating a task force to work on this.

3. NOCALL Web Site Redesign

Prano Amjadi reported on the latest redesign of the NOCALL web site. There was some discussion about the formatting of the NOCALL Board and Committee e-mail addresses and this issue will need to be addressed in the near future. There was also some discussion about links opening up in separate windows.

4. Book Drive In The Committee Structure

Prano Amjadi wanted to see if this something we want to do every year and, if so, do we want to charge this to an existing Committee. Pam Rino reported that it was a success last year, but since there were a small number of participating libraries, we should probably do it again this year and see what the response is. If the response is good, the Board can consider charging this to an existing Committee at that time.

5. Legal Pro Supplement

MSFLG publishing survey results in there in May. They are offering us two pages in each of their supplements. The Public Relations Committee is already charged with getting authors for the monthly NOCALL article in the *Daily Journal* and Prano is hesitant to give them another publication deadline to be in charge of. Pam Rino suggested using it as a way to have some of the committees to write on and report about what they are doing.

6. Committee Reports

- Academic Relations (Pam)– Prano Amjadi reported that she will ask for volunteers to work on task force on what librarians need coming out of library school.
- Audit and Budget (Peg)– Julie Horst presented the Board with the proposed budget for 2006-2007 prepared by Shannon Burchard.
- Government Relations (Greg)– Michael Ginsborg submitted a report and will present that at the Business Meeting.
- Membership (Greg)– Greg Fite will report at the Business Meeting.
- Public Access (Coral)– Kelly Browne will report at the Business Meeting.
- Spring Institute (Coral)– Coral Henning will report at the Business Meeting.
- Union List (Holly)– Pam Rino will report at the Business Meeting.
- Web Page (Prano)– Janet Fischer will report at the Business Meeting.

7. Other New Business

Prano Amjadi made a suggestion that the minutes for both the Board Meeting and Business Meeting be published in *NOCALL News* sooner, instead of waiting until they have been approved, since that usually happens months later. A motion was made to publish meeting minutes as soon after the meetings as possible, with a notation at the top of the minutes that they are "PROPOSED," if they have not been approved yet. The motion was seconded and approved. Holly Riccio will contact the *NOCALL News* Editor to communicate this change and draft a short notice about the change to appear in the next issue.

Prano Amjadi reported that Susan Nevelow Mart has sent her a report on the California legislative history project that she and Mary Staats had proposed. Pam Rino reminded us that there had been some concern from the vendors about creating a Union List of legislative histories and the answer to this was that we couldn't do this.

Prano Amjadi would like to either do a tour or have an outside speaker for the January Business Meeting. The feedback from the membership is that a tour or a speaker would make them want to attend a Business Meeting. Some suggestions for both locations and speakers were made by the Board.

Prano Amjadi adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Riccio
NOCALL Secretary

Member News...

Alameda County Law Library is pleased to welcome Patricia Monk as a Reference Librarian.

Ms. Monk earned a B.A. in Political Science and MLS from University of Oklahoma, and J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Missouri. Prior to joining the Alameda County Law Library, Ms. Monk was Associate Director for Electronic Services and Access at Oklahoma City University Law Library in Oklahoma City, Okla., Acting Assistant Law Librarian at St. Louis University Law School Library and U.S. Circuit Librarian, 8th Circuit at the U.S. Court of Appeals in St. Louis. She was also a Professional Librarian at University of Texas Law School Library. She has written numerous articles which are published in Legal Information Alert, AALL Spectrum and Briefcase. She has family living in the Bay Area and Southern California, and is delighted to moving closer to them.

Several NOCALL members spoke at the Legal Marketing Association program. More information is available at <http://www.lmabayarea.org/techshow>

Mary Ann Parker's article, "Sources of California Water Law" appeared in the *Daily Journal*, 08/17/06, pg. 2.

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