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## President's Message

There is nothing like attending an excellent Spring Institute to get a bounce in your step and a renewed commitment to our profession. I am writing this column just after returning from San Diego, where I attended the SCALL Spring Institute. Jim Senter and his Institute team put on an excellent program that was attended by more than 100 people and was very well received. The theme was GLOBAL LEGAL LANDSCAPES: Navigating the Worlds of Foreign & International Law, and all the programs were very informative, interesting, and at times entertaining, even if international law is not your primary focus.

I must admit though, for me the highlight was not from the selection of great international programs, but the LexisNexis pre-Institute workshop, Get a Life: A No-nonsense Approach to Creating a More Fulfilling Personal and Professional Life. Michael Saint-Onge, Julie Webster-Matthews, and Dianne Chambers lead a very self reflective program that still has me thinking.

Now, I am not sharing this with you so you can feel that you missed out on an opportunity. I mention this because you still have the opportunity to attend the NOCALL Spring Institute, which will give us a chance to be reflective about the goals and directions of our jobs, our libraries, and our association. Kathie Sullivan, an AALL Board Member, will be our AALL VIP and a representative from SCALL will also be a guest. I hope to see many of you there. Coral Henning and her team have been working hard to make this a successful event.

We are also in the middle of elections. Once again we are happy to take advantage of AALL's electronic balloting. I hope you all cast your vote before the end of the month. I am very pleased that newcomers to our chapter, Kelly Browne and Mary Sexton, were willing to run on the slate. It is wonderful to have new people taking a leadership role, and both Kelly and Mary bring much experience from other chapters that help enrich ours.

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Our last business meeting this year will be our Annual Meeting in May at the Marines Memorial in San Francisco. The luncheon meeting will be sponsored by Thomson West, and aside from the installation of officers and the committee reports, we are going to try round table discussions. If you have not attended a meeting in awhile, or if you are new to our business meetings, this is one not to be missed.

Once again my thanks to all our committee members, who are working hard to make this the dynamic chapter that it is. The strength of our organization is its committee structure and everyone's contributions are greatly appreciated.

Until next time,

-Prano

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### NOCALL News

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## MUSINGS FROM MARK

By Mark Mackler  
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**Last Call from the Memorials Committee...** Spring is in the air, and the NOCALL Spring Institute is coming up. If you've been reading "Musings" you know that NOCALL has initiated the practice of naming Institute grants in memory of our deceased members. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Linda Spath, Nina Porcella or me.

**E-Mail and Job Applications...** You might have seen this on Law-Lib or TVC Alert. A Boston law firm recently sent the following e-mail: "Subject: Law Clerk Position. Hi, Sam. I am in touch with you regarding your e-mail about employment with our Firm. We are currently looking for a temporary law clerk. I would be happy to meet with you. Please let me know when you're available." Sam's reply: "Your message was a pleasant surprise. Regrettably, I must decline. My schedule as a second-grader is quite hectic already. Moreover, I am very busy planning my eighth birthday party next month. I will of course keep you in mind when I graduate from law school in 2024." So, what happened here? The lawyer meant to write to a different Sam – a recent graduate of American University Law School who had submitted a resume to the Firm – but had inadvertently omitted a character from the e-mail address. (The boy who received the e-mail also happens to be the son of a lawyer. Wonder who wrote the response?)

**Speaking of E-Mail...** "Business Week" reports that a Georgia company banned e-mail among its 275 employees, but only on Fridays. The CEO instructed his employees to pick up the phone or meet in person on Fridays, and to reduce e-mail use the rest of the time. Younger staffers hated the idea, but the CEO stuck to his guns. But in less than four months, the simple directive has resulted in quicker problem-solving and better teamwork. Experts say that the problem isn't the distraction of spam or stuffed inboxes. The concern is misinterpreted messages, as well as the degree to which e-mail has become a substitute for the nuanced conversations that are critical in the workplace. One recent study suggests that as few as 50% of users grasp the tone or intent of an e-mail and that most people vastly overestimate their ability to relay and comprehend messages accurately.

**Hold On To Your Hats...** In recent surveys, many NOCALL members called for more social/networking activities. Through the efforts of the fabulous Julie Horst, we are planning a "NOCALL Goes to Beach Blanket Babylon" event on a Sunday in September. Please stay tuned for further details!

## PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

By Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano  
U.C. Davis Law Library

**"The Global Copyright Shell Game: Collecting Royalties is Hard When You Don't Know Who's Selling Your Content,"** by Amanda Credaro, *The Editorial Eye*, vol. 30, no. 1. [http://warriorlibrarian.com/LIBRARY/shell\\_game.pdf](http://warriorlibrarian.com/LIBRARY/shell_game.pdf)

We all use articles compiled by information aggregators, but never consider the plight of the freelance author. Credaro, a freelance writer for academic journals, has discovered and warns about failures in the copyright safety net which prevent her from collecting royalties for her work. She discusses three large holes in the safety net: first that third parties have no contractual relationship with authors, but rather with the publishers, which makes it hard for the author to track royalties due. Second, third parties resell content in other countries that document the publisher but not the author. Third, publishers who receive copyright payments due to the author fail to pay them. This is a very well-written, easy to digest article by someone who's been in the position.

**"Internet Evidence May Be the Key to Your Next Case,"** by Jesse M. Cohen, *The Legal Intelligencer*, [http://www.law.com/jsp/llf/law\\_librarians.jsp](http://www.law.com/jsp/llf/law_librarians.jsp), February 20, 2007. In the internet age, many attorneys fail to realize how necessary it is to research his own client for potentially embarrassing details: maybe an amateur video or a rant posted on a blog. Cohen points out that an attorney who fails to research his client on the internet is akin to a doctor who doesn't ask about prior accidents. She goes on to discuss the websites a savvy researcher would use and how they'd use them: MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Google. This information can make or break a case.

Recent articles in the news concerning Wikipedia include, **"Courts Turn to Wikipedia, but Selectively,"** by Noam Cohen, *The New York Times*, Jan. 29, 2007, pg.C3 and **"Wikipedia to Seek Credentials Proof,"** by Brian Bergstein, *Time.com*, March 7, 2007, <http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1597131,00.html> The first article reports an increasing number of courts that are citing Wikipedia in judicial opinions. According to the author, there have been more than 100 judicial rulings that have cited Wikipedia since 2004. The problem, of course, is that no matter what Wikipedia's supporters may say, the information on Wikipedia cannot always be found to be reliable. Judge Richard Posner believes that those that cite to it do so out of convenience, and because it is updated frequently and very accurate. He also adds,

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though, that he would not use it in a critical issue. Professor Cass Sunstein brings up another point: since there is no quality control, it would be possible for someone to create articles that could influence the outcome of cases.

The lack of quality control at Wikipedia is the subject of the second article by Brian Bergstein, **“Wikipedia to Seek Credentials Proof.”** In the wake of a controversy in which a Wikipedia contributor who claimed to be a professor turned out to be a college dropout, Wikipedia is now planning to ask contributors that claim to have credentials to identify themselves. Contributors will still be allowed to remain anonymous; Wikipedia sees anonymity as one of their strengths, but those who claim expertise will now have to prove it.

**“Blogging Prosecutors Raise Some Eyebrows,”** by Marisa Lagos, **San Francisco Chronicle**, February 25, 2007, p.A1. <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/02/25/MNG2DOATDG1.DTL&hw=blogging+prosecutors&sn=002&sc=857>

This article discusses the growing trend of prosecutors having blogs and the problems that may arise from it. According to Boalt professor Stephen Barnett, blogging prosecutors could find themselves in trouble if they don't appear to be keeping an open mind. Some people see the blogs as a way for the prosecutors to go directly to the public and worry they could be libelous. Others, like free speech advocate Peter Scheer see it as move toward a more open government. The article ends with a short list of District Attorneys who have blogs.

## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

By Nora Levine,  
Reed Smith, LLP

### THE TENDER BAR by J.R. Moehringer

“The Tender Bar” is a drinking establishment. This book is another of those beautifully written memoirs about awful childhoods, like *Running with Scissors* or *The Liar’s Club*. It is hard to believe the author not only survived, but writes so perceptively about it all.

*Les Bonus*  
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

### NOSE FOR TROUBLE: A DALE KINSALL MYSTERY by Doranna Durgin

First in a new series, it introduces young veterinarian Dale Kinsall and his intrepid beagle Sully. Kinsall has recently relocated to Flagstaff, Arizona to escape bad memories of a still unsolved arson fire that destroyed his practice in the Midwest.

Hoping for peace and quiet, his first day of work finds him surrounded by colorful characters in and around his new clinic, including a menacing stranger harassing him about his water consumption (Flagstaff is having a drought), and a pretty but strangely hostile fellow veterinarian named Laura. Things don't improve when Sully the beagle finds a dead body on their first walk!

This series has a slightly befuddled but very charming hero in Dale, and if you like dogs you will love Sully. The author occasionally gives us a glimpse into Sully's doggy thoughts (which revolve around food, new smells, food, his love and concern for the health of Dale, and food) and the supporting clinic characters make for a very enjoyable read. The author also sprinkles just enough information about Kinsall's tragic past (what ABOUT that arson fire?) to make me want to read the next in the series. Two Paws Up!

*Teresa Dippery*  
Bingham McCutchen

### THE LADIES' PARADISE by Emile Zola

My French-major daughter introduced me to Zola's Rougon-Macquart series, which follows the fortunes of two related families during the Second Empire. Zola wanted to explore the relation of heredity and environment and their effects on people, so these novels are something in the vein of thinly disguised sociological tracts. I'm told that some are better than others, and since Nana is considered a classic, I'm willing to believe it. But when I finished this

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## NOCALL SOCIAL EVENT at Beach Blanket Babylon

(<http://www.beachblanketbabylon.com/>)

Sunday, September 23 at 2pm.

Club Fugazi,  
678 Beach Blanket Babylon Boulevard  
(Green Street), San Francisco.

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UC Hastings College of the Law Library

book, I felt that I would have had more fun gnawing off my own hand. The book is really about the rise of large department stores and their effects on the economy, the neighborhood, and the people. It's an interesting exploration, with parallels in our time to the growth of the big box stores. But pages and pages describing the display of goods is enough to put me in a coma. Zola does throw in a story with a happy ending (most unusual in this series), but that's not enough to reward the reader for fighting through this book.

*Elyse Eisner*

*Taylor & Associates*

### **ALL OVER CREATION** Ruth Ozeki

A less controversial (and in some ways less edgy) version of "The Milagro Beanfield War," Ozeki still takes an interesting and well-written look into the lives of a small Idaho potato farming town that comes into collision with a group of well-meaning neo-hippies who converge on it, in their bio diesel Winnebago that runs on french fry oil. It's told primarily through the eyes of two friends, women, both of whom grew up in town, one of whom left as a runaway in the 60's and the other who stayed. Smart and a good read. Recommended.

*Sara Fox*

*Severson & Werson*

### **MISDEAMEANOR MAN** by Dylan Schaffer.

I recently finished Misdemeanor Man by Dylan Schaffer, an alumnus of UC Hastings and resident in Oakland. In the book the main character, Gordon Seegerman, is a public defender by day, and the leader of a Barry Manilow tribute band by night. Just as Gordon is planning, organizing and rehearsing for the biggest concert of his life, a new client falls into his lap who threatens to take up way too much of his band practice time. It's very enjoyable. Dylan Schaffer will be at Hastings on March 27th to lead a discussion about this very book.

*Julie Horst*

*Hastings College of Law*

### **AMISH INSPIRED QUILTS** by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins

Piece O'Cake Designs creates quilts with lots of fabric which are cheerful and fun. I don't usually buy their books, because there are a small number of pages with photographs of quilts and most of the book is taken up by patterns. Someone gave me this book as a gift and I read a bit of the introduction (before the patterns). I was pleased to have done so, because they had written some really interesting information on using solid fabrics more effectively. Reading the bit in the front also made me examine the photos of the quilts more closely.

### **DEATH IN HOLY ORDERS** by PD James

At a small training college for Anglican priests, the son of a high powered businessman is found dead on the beach. The father is not satisfied with the results of the inquest and demands that Scotland Yard send an investigator out to look into the situation. The death hastens the discussions about closing the college, which brings other issues that cloud the situation surrounding the first murder, including the fact that other murders follow. This is the first Adam Dalgliesh mystery that I have read and I really enjoyed the character. I liked the way she writes as well as that she weaves a complex web of information and continues to contribute to the information as if she were part of the investigation team feeding you information. Numerous twists and unexpected turns.

### **DENYSE SCHMIDT QUILTS** by Denyse Schmidt.

Denyse Schmidt seems to be on a mission to single handedly get young people interested in quilt making. Her designs are simple and elegant and have interesting color combinations. The emphasis is not on matching points precisely, but making quilt projects with a lot of movement and fresh color choices. She also has a variety of different projects, one of which made me think that I actually could make a tote bag. Her writing style is fun. While some of the directions are a bit confusing, I think a beginner could walk away from this book with some nicely completed projects. I don't usually buy project based quilt books, but I bought this one, because the designs stuck in my mind. And it is proving to be a good investment as I keep looking at it over and over.

### **THE EDGE OF EVIL** by J. A. Jance

I was inspired to read this book after hearing Jance speak at Internet Librarian last year. The book is about an "over 40" news reporter who is fired from her job for being too old and subsequently finds herself with her life falling apart: husband sleeping around, no job prospects, injured father and embroiled in the aftermath of the death of her friend. I enjoyed the story, but thought that it was really complicated and not going anywhere until 7/8ths of the way through when suddenly all the pieces fell into place. The interesting part [from a librarian's point of view] was that the main character starting blogging. This element introduced a variety of random voices into the story, something I think that we all experience on a daily basis. It gave the book a level of reality that I haven't experienced in other books thus far. I do hope the author writes about the character again.

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**FORTUNE'S ROCKS** by Anita Shreve

Anita Shreve has become one of my favorite authors. She captures the feelings of new love so accurately that it was almost painful; the sensation of being in complete control until you realize unexpectedly that your whole life is out of control. The descriptions of a young wealthy girl who engages in a completely unsuitable lover and then stands up for her rights and what she wants with compassion and feeling for others is extraordinary.

**IN A SUNBURNED COUNTRY** by Bill Bryson

I listened to the audio version, which Bryson narrates. Although from Iowa, he has an interesting accent, which is vaguely English, where he spent many years, and vaguely indefinable. This book is Very VERY funny. I thought that I should immediately give it to my brother-in-law, who is Australian, but then it occurred to me that it may not be quite so funny for people from Australia. There is a lot of Aussie history included, which I was not aware of. The sights, both famous and not so famous, are analyzed quite well so that the reader (or listener) gets a good idea of the scope of Australian history, geography and landscape as well as the wonders, manmade and natural, well worth visiting.

**LOCKED ROOMS** by Laurie King

Another in the Mary Russel/ Sherlock Holmes mystery series. I wasn't that enamored with the last one, but this one was fantastic. First, it is set in San Francisco and I always enjoy reading about The City in books. Second, the book delves into Mary Russell's past and resolves some issues that make her character less prickly. In most of these books, Holmes comes across as not really caring about his wife and this book starts out that way as well, but the reader finds, as the book continues, how he really feels about her. The earthquake and fire are mentioned, as are various figures in San Francisco history, which all come together to make a good story. This is definitely a book I would read again.

**PATHS OF DESIRE** by Dominique Browning

The editor of Home and Garden has written this book about redoing her garden. Some of it is interesting and some of it is hard to read or a little too self indulgent. Lots of references to different kinds of plants and relations with neighbors. It is an excellent description of how a defined project can grow from "adding a few plants to the garden" to taking out trees, both living and dead, repaving the driveway, replacing bricks in the front walk, etc. I didn't finish the book, because I got tired of the stream of consciousness style of her writing.

**PLAYING THE FOOL** by Laurie King

This book was interesting, but I didn't find it to have as smooth a transition from the first book to this one. The book centers on funeral pyres in Golden Gate Park and the death of homeless people. It is an interesting look at the way homeless people survive and the communities they make among themselves, though I have no idea how accurate King's descriptions are. The central character, Kate, is getting back into the swing after the near death of her lover and an apparent disastrous case between the one where we met her and the one that makes up the plot of this novel. The descriptions are not as complete as in the Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes books and this particular volume came across as choppy.

**SORCERY & CECELIA OR THE ENCHANTED CHOCOLATE POT** by Patricia C. Wrede and Caroline Stevermer

I am constantly on the hunt for new and interesting books to engage my 10 year old, especially if they have nothing to do with Yu-gi-oh or Pokemon or Shonen Jump, Avatar, Goosebumps, Animorphs, Lemony Snicket or Naruto. This book is based on a game called the Letter Game, where two people take on different personas and write letters as that persona for a defined period of time. I don't think that the authors intended to write a book, but found one at the end of their game. The authors (letter writers) write about cousins just after the Napoleonic wars in an England where sorcery and magic are part of every day life. The story tells the trials and tribulations of two teenaged girls who are trying to save people they care about from death by magic. One is in London having her "coming out Season" while the other is left behind in the country. The book was a little hard to follow in the beginning, but I came to care about the characters and their adventures. The authors tidied up the ending very carefully and not-too quickly.

**VENETIAN AFFAIR** by Andrea Di Robilant.

Another story of forbidden love between a Venetian patrician and an English girl of "unsuitable" parentage. This book is also told through letters and the amazing part is the things the lovers put down on paper. It was an interesting book to learn about the singular Venetian culture, but it was a little bit hard to get through, because much of it was the repetitive.

*Jaye Lapachet  
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP*



# NOCALL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Deadline for nominations: April 13, 2007

The purpose of the NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement is to recognize a member for notable and enduring contributions to the Chapter and the profession. The Award represents a cumulative evaluation of an individual's career and emphasizes local activity and leadership of an exemplary nature.

Past recipients of the Award include:

- Joan Loftus 1998
- Iris Wildman 1999
- Barbara Friedrich 2000
- Shirley David 2001
- Mark Mackler 2002
- Mary Ann Parker 2003
- David Bridgman 2004
- Jaye Lapachet 2005
- Judy Janes 2006

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of a NOCALL colleague. Nominate a fellow member by completing the form below. All nominations are completely confidential.

The Awards Selection Committee consists of three members, with the current past President serving as chair. To be eligible for the Award, a nominee must be a current Chapter member, active or retired, in good standing. Current members of the Executive Board and the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination.

Any Chapter member may submit nominations, and self-nominations will be accepted. All Nominations must be accompanied by a brief justification that should describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship on which the nomination is based. Also include pertinent biographical data about the nominee. Please include the following as a cover page to the narrative:

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

NOMINATED BY:

Signature

Phone number

Date

On a separate sheet, please describe the achievement(s) or contribution(s) to NOCALL and/or law librarianship on which the nomination is based. Please include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Email with a confidential note in the subject line to:

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NOCALL Past President 2006-2007  
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## 2007 CRAB FEED

By Robyn M. Moltzen  
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Sacramento County Public Law Library

On Saturday, February 3, 2007, the *Sacramento County Public Law Library Foundation* and the *Sacramento Law Foundation* sponsored their First Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser together. The venue for the event was the Sacramento Association of Realtors office. Over 150 supporters attended the crab feed that included both a silent and exciting live auction. The event also featured DJ music, dancing, raffle and door prizes.

The Sacramento County Public Law Library Foundation will use the Crabfeed proceeds to continue to provide funding for the education and outreach efforts of the Sacramento County Public Law Library.

The Sacramento Law Foundation is a non-profit California corporation and the charitable arm of the Sacramento County Bar Association. The foundation will use the proceeds to provide financial support for non-profit organizations that contribute to the quality and accessibility of justice in greater Sacramento.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the sponsors, contributors, and volunteers who made this event a great success. We look forward to next year!



## NOCALL Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 2, 2007  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Conference Call

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

Prano Amjadi called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last NOCALL Executive Board were approved previously via e-mail.

#### 2. NOCALL Membership Survey

Prano Amjadi report that, overall, we can consider this a success. AALL does have a Zoomerang account that we are able to use, but Prano went ahead and used SCU's survey. Prano has been sending portions out to the NOCALL listserv. She has had a couple of people ask that the results be placed on the web. The Board discussed this and decided to post them on the NOCALL web site for a limited period of time (from now until the Spring Institute). Prano stated that we have the ability to track the data, such as pulling out data based on library type (i.e. law firm, academic) or membership (i.e. less than five years, five years or more). This may be helpful especially for the questions regarding the Union List. Coral Henning suggested establishing a subcommittee after the Spring Institute to work on this.

#### 3. Sunshine Week Webcast

Greg Fite reported that Susanne Dyer has been organizing this event. She is working on getting a journalist from the Post-Democrat as a speaker. She also wanted to know if NOCALL could absorb any other costs, above and beyond what Carolina Rose is donating. Prano Amjadi said that NOCALL would cover other costs, with the understanding that the box lunches are being paid for by attendees. The next step needs to be either advanced registration invitations coming out or a "save the date" e-mail reminder to the NOCALL listserv.

#### 4. SCALL Institute Attendee

Prano Amjadi reported that Coral Henning has been invited, but has decided not to go. Prano is keeping her calendar free for that weekend, but she hasn't been invited to come yet. Prano asked whether it was important to have a NOCALL representative attending the SCALL Institute. Pam Rino said that she thought this was important and that we don't want to get out of the habit of going.

#### 5. Fall Workshop

Prano Amjadi reported that this is happening in February. She suggested that this is a good time to work on getting a new Education Committee Chair, instead of waiting until June. Prano suggested that Coral Henning could announce the change in this Chair appointment at the next NOCALL Business Meeting and at the workshop.

#### 6. SJSU SILS Task Force

Prano Amjadi announced that Amy Wright and Jennifer Marshall are taking this on as part of their duties as Co-Chairs of the Academic Relations Committee.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. NOCALL Elections

Prano Amjadi reported that we have an election coming up. She would like us to do electronic voting again. There was a motion to use AALL's electronic voting again this year. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 2. AALL Annual Meeting Pacific Chapters Reception

Prano Amjadi reported that the reception is coordinated by each of the chapters that make up this group and it rotates every five years. This year is the year for NOCALL to coordinate the event. The next time NOCALL will be in charge of coordinating it will be in the year 2012 when the meeting is in Boston.

#### 3. Spring Institute Visitor/VIP Invitations

Prano Amjadi reported that she will be sending the invitation to AALL Board Member Kathie Sullivan.

#### 4. AALL Activities Table

Prano Amjadi reported that Les Forrester will be coordinating the NOCALL table in the AALL Activities Area, which includes submitting the form and selecting and purchasing this year's giveaway.

#### 5. Patrick Meyer Survey Request

Prano Amjadi stated that Patrick Meyer has contacted her about a survey he has done with SCALL. The survey is intended to go to law firm librarians, but is used for academics to use in planning teaching legal research classes. Partick is asking if he can post the survey to the NOCALL listserv to get a larger survey response and he wanted to post it in mid-February. The Board unanimously agreed to let him do this.

#### 6. Book Drive

Pam Rino reported that she can not be the lead on the NOCALL Book Drive this year. Since all of the work has been done already from last year, there isn't much work involved, other than publicizing it to NOCALL.

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**7. SCALL's Pro Bono Task Force**

Prano Amjadi mentioned that Holly Riccio had brought this to her attention and asked whether NOCALL could consider doing something similar. There was a discussion about how it is hard enough to get people to volunteer for the committees and activities that we already have and that this is something that we could look into

**8. Committee Reports**

Prano Amjadi asked whether we should have committee reports at the upcoming NOCALL Business Meeting. Coral Henning said that it is nice to do with the committee chairs that are present and have something to report. Prano said that she will have any committee chairs in attendance and wanting to report to go ahead and do so.

**• Membership**

Greg Fite reported that we are in the process of getting the Directory together and to the publisher. The committee is still working with AALL on getting them to produce the Directory and they are working on preparing a comparison of the costs of NOCALL doing it versus AALL doing it.

**• Spring Institute**

Coral Henning reported that the speaker has submitted her outline for her presentation. They are working on the online registration form and things are moving along well. The Daily Journal wants to do the printing. There will be an evening reception, instead of a dinner. They worked with Craig Griffith at West, who is sponsoring some of it, and it will be at Boudin's at Fisherman's Wharf with heavy hors d'oeuvres and then everyone can go to dinner on their own. Registration will be \$120 and the rooms will be about \$135. Prano Amjadi will be planning the President's dinner for Thursday night.

**• Web Page**

Prano Amjadi reported that Janet Fischer wants to change to the host for our web site and is looking at other options. Janet will be making a proposal about this at the NOCALL Business Meeting.

**9. NOCALL May Business Meeting**

Prano Amjadi suggested having round tables at the lunch and seat people at the tables by library type and have a lead person for each table to start discussions. This might be a good idea for the newer members, which is a large part of our organization. The other question is whether we want to have Bonnie Hough, our AALL VIP as our speaker for the meeting. There was discussion about both of these ideas and there was a consensus that both were good ideas.

**10. NOCALL Beach Blanket Babylon Outing**

Julie Horst brought up the idea of getting a group of NOCALL members to attend Beach Blanket Babylon. We can get a group rate as long as we commit to having at least 30 people attend. Julie will mention this at the NOCALL Business Meeting and also post something to the listserv to gauge interest.

Prano Amjadi adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly Riccio*  
NOCALL Secretary

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**NOCALL Business Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Milton Marks Conference Center

San Francisco, CA

**PROPOSED MINUTES**

Prano Amjadi called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. There were approximately 33 people in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

**Membership Survey Results**

Prano Amjadi reported that the survey has been completed and we had 165 survey respondents. Prano has been posting the results in parts to the NOCALL listserv and will continue to do so. We will be posting the entire report on the NOCALL web site up until the Spring Institute and will be letting other AALL chapters know it is there, in case they want to use or reference it for their own chapter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report**

Julie Horst reported that the past few months have been rather inactive regarding deposits and expenses, but the Placement Committee did recently purchase new software for job postings.

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### Upcoming Elections: Slate of Candidates

Prano Amjadi announced the slate of candidates for this year's election. They are:

*Vice President/President-Elect*

- o Kelly Browne, Sacramento County Public Law Library

*Secretary*

- o Sara Fox, Severson & Werson

*Member at Large*

- o Shannon Burchard, University of San Francisco
- o Ruth Girill, CEB Law Library
- o Susan Nevelow Mart, Hastings College of the Law Library
- o Jennifer Marshall, Reed Smith

Prano reported that we will be doing electronic voting again this year and will have print ballots available for those without Internet access.

### Web Host Change

Janet Fischer reported that our current web host costs us under \$300 each year. She is going to move our web site to addr.com for about \$120 each year. Our domain name and everything about the web site will not change.

### Book Drive Coordinator Needed

Prano Amjadi reported that we had a successful book drive last year and that our Past President Pam Rino, who was going to be organizing this year's efforts, can no longer take charge of this project. Pam Rino reported that Michael Ginsborg did most of the work on getting this together last year. The charity that we worked with was the Children's Book Project. We need someone to promote this to the NOCALL listserv, answering questions and being a conduit between the charity and the participating libraries. The book drive is not limited to San Francisco and will take place during National Library Week (April 15-21).

### Sunshine Week Webcast

Michael Ginsborg reported on behalf of Susanne Dyer. He first thanked everyone involved in this event, specifically Susanne Dyer, who is chairing the Sunshine Week Programming Committee. NOCALL is joining with the SF Bay Chapter of SLA to cosponsor a Sunshine Week telecast. The program will be Monday, March 12, with continental breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the program will go from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the County of Alameda Conference Center. There will be no charge for the continental breakfast and morning program, and there will be a \$10.00 charge for the lunch program. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Michael thanked Anne Barker, who is handling registration for the event, Carolina Rose, who has pledged a generous donation, and Susanne Dyer and Susan Nevelow Mart for their work on this as well.

### AALL Activities Table

Prano Amjadi reported that Leslie Forrester is going to be selecting and purchasing the NOCALL gift for AALL and will be coordinating our table in the AALL Activities area.

### Spring Institute Update

Coral Henning reported on the schedule for the upcoming Spring Institute (April 27-28). Friday will be all day, starting with skills building in strategic planning. In the afternoon, attendees will take the skills building part and apply it to NOCALL and continue that discussion on Saturday. AALL Board Member Kathie Sullivan will be our speaker. There will be an opening reception at Boudin's in Fisherman's Wharf. The program will be over on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Coral will be calling people and inviting them to attend. Prano Amjadi reported that Craig Griffith from Thomson West will be sponsoring the opening reception at the Institute and also the luncheon at our May Business Meeting.

### May Meeting Roundtables

Prano Amjadi reported that for the May Business Meeting, people will be asked to go to different tables based on their function and/or library type. There will be a discussion leader at each table to generate conversation. Prano will be looking for volunteers to act as table leaders. There was a comment that one of the benefits of NOCALL events was the discussions and interactions with people in other functions and in other library types. Prano said that this idea was in response to the fact that more than 50% of the respondents to the recent survey were members for 5 years or less and didn't know people at the meetings, and that this would allow everyone to feel that they had a space where they belonged.

### Beach Blanket Babylon

Prano Amjadi reported that Julie Horst and Mark Mackler want to have a group of NOCALL members go see Beach Blanket Babylon. Julie Horst stated that they have a group rate for 30 or more people and is thinking about doing this in September. The question is what dates and times would work best for people. There was discussion about this and most people stated that a Sunday matinee would be best.

### Committee Reports

o **AALL Liaison**

Donna Williams reported that she is the AALL Liaison and she is in contact with Kathie Sullivan.

o **Academic Relations**

Amy Wright reported that she started a new job and Jennifer Marshall is getting married, so they haven't been as active this year. They have continued to talk to people interested in law librarianship. They have an informal

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mentor list of NOCALL members that are willing to be a contact for those interested in becoming a law librarian. Amy also reported that they have been doing some PR, including an article she wrote on her transition into law librarianship. Amy will be compiling a list of existing San Jose State University courses that could be taken for those interested in a career in law librarianship. Jennifer Marshall partnered with Mary Staats and she is posting our job openings to San Jose State University's library school.

o **Audit and Budget**

Shannon Burchard reported that she submitted the budget prior to the fall Business Meeting.

o **Awards**

Pam Rino reported that it is time to put together the Awards Committee, so she is looking for committee members.

o **Constitution and Bylaws**

Prano reported for Mary Hood. The committee is requesting that the full text of all constitution or bylaws changes be included in the minutes, so a record can be maintained of the specific changes.

o **Consulting**

Prano Amjadi reported for Jan Priefer. To date, she has not received any requests.

o **Government Relations**

Michael Ginsborg reported that he submitted a report on the activity for his committee. Upcoming events include CLA Legislative Day and CLA Day In the District. The committee has tentative plans to engage a committee representative to attend the CLA Legislative Day event in Sacramento. Local CLA contact Deborah Doyle has scheduled appointments with California Senator Carol Migden and Assemblyman Mark Leno as part of the CLA Day In the District event. Michael also reported that he just submitted copies of a proposed joint chapter letter concerning EPA libraries to the Board. Senator Barbara Boxer held an oversight hearing recently regarding the consequences of certain EPA decisions, and she identified the closure of libraries as one of the issues. Mary Alice Baish believes that our letter could be included in the record for that hearing.

o **Grants**

Coral Henning reported that one vendor has given \$500 for grants for the Spring Institute. Prano Amjadi reported that there will be opportunities for grants for both the Spring Institute and the AALL Annual Meeting, so please apply for them if you need them. Amy Wright will make sure that this information gets posted at San Jose State University.

o **Membership**

Greg Fite reported for Ramona Martinez. Ramona has sent the directory to the Daily Journal for printing. We have always produced it ourselves, but AALL now has this service available to chapters. The committee is looking at

the possibility of switching over to this. If we continue to do it in house, we have to purchase the updated software to do this. Prano Amjadi stated that she thought NOCALL was a good chapter to take advantage of the service from AALL, because of our size. Also, one thing that came out of the survey was that the Membership Committee could reach out more to new members and taking the directory out of their hands would allow them time to do that.

o **Memorials**

Prano Amjadi reported for Mark Mackler. He submitted a piece to the NOCALL News about the committee and they are working on a memorials page for the NOCALL web site. The committee also wants to institute having a moment of silence at the beginning of NOCALL Business Meetings after the death of a member.

o **Placement**

Peg LaFrance reported for Mary Staats. There are many positions coming in, although it slowed down around the holidays. However, there are more positions than there are applicants.

o **Public Access**

Kelly Browne reported that she has submitted a proposal to CLA for a lawyer in the library program. The theme is opportunity knocks, so her proposal is titled "Lawyers in the Library: A Public Relations Opportunity That Can't Be Knocked."

o **Public Relations**

Peg LaFrance reported for Susan Nevelow Mart. Susan has been getting articles for the *California Legal Pro* insert in *The Recorder* and also our regular monthly column in the *Daily Journal*.

o **Union List**

Prano Amjadi reported for Pati Traktman. The committee is awaiting the survey results to see what came out of it, in respect to the Union List. There are two different camps on this issue and perhaps this will be something that will be discussed at the Spring Institute. The Mid-Size Firm Library Group is still looking into possibly doing a Union List with CALIFA.

Prano Amjadi adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly Riccio*  
NOCALL Secretary

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## NOCALL Spring Institute 2007: Strategic Planning

April 27th – 28th  
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway  
1500 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco

This year's Spring Institute will be in San Francisco at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway on Van Ness Ave on Friday April 27th and Saturday April 28th. The format is a little different this year.

We will start on Friday morning with a skills building workshop on Strategic Planning then we will break for a wonderful lunch sponsored by our friends at LexisNexis. Kathie Sullivan, AALL Executive Board member will be our speaker. After lunch we will roll up our sleeves and apply what we have just learned to NOCALL! The goal is to come up with a mission, vision and values that afternoon.

Friday evening Thompson/West is sponsoring a fun reception at Fisherman's Wharf restaurant and museum Bistro Boudin. Everyone is on their own for dinner.

Saturday morning we reconvene and get into the trenches looking at the committees and setting goals.

**Institute Program:** See the PDF brochure for more information on the Institute:  
<http://nocall.org/calendararchive/2007/SpringInstFlyer.pdf>

Register & pay online by clicking here: <http://www.nocall2007.eventbrite.com/>  
This link also provides a PDF brochure for the Institute.

OR, register and pay by mail by using the form available at  
<http://nocall.org/calendararchive/2007/2007%20Spring%20Institute%20Registration%20Form.doc>

### Accommodations

Rooms at the Holiday Inn are available to Institute attendees at a reduced rate. Standard Guest Rooms for single or double occupancy are available at a rate of \$135 plus tax, per night. Executive Level Guest Rooms for single or double occupancy are available at a rate of \$155 plus tax, per night.

To register for your hotel room:

- 1) Go to [www.goldengatewayhotel.com](http://www.goldengatewayhotel.com)
- 2) Click on "Make Reservations" (button in middle of page)
- 3) On left-hand side of page, enter arrival and departure date and the special group code for NOCALL Spring institute: ANO
- 4) Click "Check Availability" button

You may also call 415-441-4000 to make reservations, referencing either NOCALL Spring Institute or the NOCALL special group code: ANO

Parking at the Holiday Inn is available at a reduced rate of \$14 per day or \$30 for overnight parking for hotel guests.



### Member News

**Andrea Rubin** was one of the three winners of the Poets Eleven poetry contest her branch, sponsored by the Friends of SFPL and the San Francisco Public Library. Information about the contest and future readings is available at <http://www.friendsandfoundation.org/poets11.cfm>

**Brian Baker** has joined the Central Valley's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training (TNT) to compete in a Century (100 mile) Bike Ride around Lake Tahoe in June. He is currently the leading fundraiser in the Central Valley, for all groups (there is also a TNT group for triathlon, marathon run and half marathon walk) having raised almost \$7,000. For more information, see <http://www.active.com/donate/tntccal/tntccalBBaker> . His team is also honoring three young children, all 6 years old, who are battling Leukemia in the Fresno area.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2004-2005/2005-2006 NOCALL Directory and since the last newsletter are listed below as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections changes or additions to the Directory should be sent to:

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**Update:** The Daily Journal has shipped the new directory to me! As soon as the Membership Committee can process all the envelopes the new directory will go out to all current members. Hold on! We're so very close!

### New Members

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**\*\*Changes are noted in bold.**

Elizabeth Edinger has moved on to take the **Associate Director & Head of Public Services** position at the Catholic University of America law school library. Congratulations Beth!

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## 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](mailto:mpinard@saclaw.org)

2006 – 2007 submission deadlines:

- Sept/Oct – Sept. 8
- Nov/Dec – Nov. 3
- Jan/Feb – Jan. 12
- Mar/Apr – Mar. 2
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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