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President's Message

The nominations committee has selected a wonderful slate of candidates.

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NOCALL will be voting electronically again this year, and secretary Mary Sexton has arranged for the voting to be held from March 3rd – March 24th. The candidate's biographies will be linked at www.nocall.org and via the ballot.

Mark your calendars - our annual membership meeting will be held once again at the Marines' Memorial Club on Wednesday May 7th. Thanks to Craig Griffith and Thomson/West for supporting this event.

The Spring Institute's early bird registration discount will expire on March 1st. Don't procrastinate and miss out on saving \$80! Registration information and the program are available at <http://nocall.org/calendararchive/2008/2008SpringInstitute.html>

The Government Relations Committee is organizing something fantastic for Sunshine Week. Information on this event will be available soon.

I will be staffing the popcorn machine at the "Soul of Justice" screening on Friday February 22. I have never worked at a theatre before; come see if I have missed my true calling! Visit: <http://www.nocall.org/calendararchive/2008/SoulOfJustice-FlyerInfo.doc> for more information.

- Coral Henning, NOCALL President

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MUSINGS FROM MARK
Mark Mackler
California Department of Justice
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Librarians as Jurors...The January-February issue of "American Libraries" features "Librarians in the Jury Box: Why Do Information Professionals Make Such Desirable Jurors?"

Excerpts from Attorney Comments:

"Librarians make excellent jurors. Librarians are interested in the facts and are not generally swayed by innuendo or subjective beliefs."

"I prefer librarians because they listen to reason."

"Librarians are organized, practical, conservative and careful. By conservative, I don't mean politically, but rather they are the kind of people who pay their bills on time. They focus on the facts."

Several jury selection manuals advise against cabinetmakers and accountants because these people require everything in a trial to fit together too neatly. Using the same logic, one would assume catalogers would be thanked for showing up, and then excused from jury duty.

Julie Christie and Us...In the film "Away from Her," Julie Christie plays the role of Fiona, a woman succumbing to Alzheimer's. Anthony Lane, writing in "The New Yorker" said, "There are startling close-ups: Christie's face, with coiling gray hair and undimmed blue eyes, filling the screen. If Penelope Cruz or Jennifer Lopez sees this movie, she may just give up and become a librarian."

Library Book Drug Smugglers Sentenced...A Fort Worth inmate and his girlfriend were convicted of smuggling meth into the Federal Correctional Institution in Seagoville. Edmund Wright had been serving 18 years for other convictions, and received an additional 30 years for his crime. His girlfriend (a co-conspirator) received a five-year sentence. Wright, who had been assigned to work in the prison library, would secrete the meth in the spines of books that the prison library received via interlibrary loan from local public libraries.

And Finally, a Trip Home...A few weeks ago I was back in my hometown in Springfield, Massachusetts. One night, as I was driving to the hotel at which I was staying, I saw a man lying face down on the sidewalk. I drove on for several blocks before it hit me: "Wait, I'm not in San

Francisco any more. It's below freezing. Maybe the guy is in trouble." I turned around and drove back. By then, the police were on the scene and were attending to the man. I have been thinking about this little drama ever since it happened. It seems that I've become so accustomed to our San Francisco way of life that stepping over bodies like they're not even there has become second nature to me.



WHAT ARE YOU READING?
By Nora Levine

NATIVE TONGUE BY CARL HIAASEN

After being disappointed in recent books by Carl Hiaasen, I decided to go back and read one of his earlier works and found this one published in 1991. I chose well, as this book kept me happily entertained during my December vacation. Carl Hiaasen is definitely one of those conversation starters. Every person I sat next to on flights or public transportation made some comment to me about the author, or this particular book, or another one he'd written. The main character is a guy named Joe Winder who works in the public relations department at the Amazing Kingdom of Thrills. Joe's life goes all topsy-turvy when he discovers some suspicious activity going on regarding the endangered blue-tongued mango voles. As in other Carl Hiaasen books I've read the happenings take place in Florida, there's a love interest, and someone dies in a very strange manner.

Julie Horst
University of San Francisco

FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB BY KATE JACOBS

This book has an unexpected kind of Karmic wheel ending, but the whole book is well written and well voiced. (I listened to the audio version from Audible.com.) It starts out in a way that many of us find ourselves at some point in life: doing fine yet not able to see how life could be better. In this case, our heroine's life does get better when she opens her heart and her life to other people: old and new friends. The setting is the Walker and Daughter Knitting shop in New York City. I like this setting, because of the camaraderie I feel with other knitters, quilt makers, crochet-mavens, etc. There is something special about a group of people who get together on a regular basis (daily, weekly, monthly) and create beautiful things, and there is so much more to such a group than that simple statement.

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Craft groups share their lives, their trials and tribulations, successes and confidences. Craft groups become part of extended families. This book includes the evolution of such a group and how the various women who belong change - not necessarily solely because of the group, but as a result of it. I really enjoyed this book and it made me want to pick up knitting needles again.

this to be true in a number of the fantasy type books that we read. I wonder if adults could learn something about acceptance and diversity from books written for this age group?

Jaye Lapachet

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MARY POPPINS BY P.L. TRAVERS

I bought this original version several years ago to read to my son in a desire to introduce more "classics". He wasn't buying it and we didn't finish this book. Recently, we cleaned out his room and before this book went to Goodwill, I decided to read it. It is very different from the Disney movie, and it was very hard to imagine Julie Andrews' character in this book. A lot of the scenes from the movie are taken from the book, but there are some quite entertaining chapters of the book that were totally omitted from the movie. Mary Poppins, as a nanny, is quite an interesting character. I was never sure that she actually liked the children, though she was quite efficient at her job.

TWO MEMOIRS BY BEVERLY CLEARY

Over the holiday break, I curled up with Beverly Cleary's two volume memoir ("A Girl From Yamhill" and "My Own Two Feet".) It is interesting to see how many of her children's stories came from her own life experiences, such as exploring on the family farm, moving to Portland, and interacting with teachers. The books also give first-hand insight into the Depression with a capital D and her mother's struggles with depression. Locals will enjoy the chapters on her life at UC Berkeley and living in Stebbins Hall, the first female co-op. Lastly, did you know that she was a librarian? After completing library school in Seattle and working at a public library in Yakima, Beverly Cleary returned to the Bay Area. She worked as a Librarian at the Oakland Army Terminal and the Oakland Army Hospital (which was in a hotel during WWII). Now I think I'll re-read some of her children's books and see what other connections I can spot!

Jane Metz

Bingham McCutchen, LLP

TALES OF DELTORA BY EMILY RODDA

My son and I read this one together. It is the background to the three part series which tells the tale of saving a land called Deltora. Adin, a blacksmith, dreams about how to save Deltora from the Shadow Lord (talk about a baddie!). He has to make a belt out of metal and then convince a variety of tribes to give him their most precious possession to fill the belt. As you can imagine, it is a road filled with suspicion, tests and long treks across inhospitable territories. The age group for this book is probably 8-11 years (and their parents). I didn't think it was quite as formulaic as some other books for this age group. I also thought that the man had to work pretty hard to achieve his quest, despite the fact that Deltora has some magical people. There are also a lot of interesting creatures and people of all shapes sizes and colors in the book. I find

SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN BY LISA SEE

This is a story about two young Chinese girls in nineteenth-century China who live in a remote Hunan county. The girls are paired up as laotong or "old same." Laotong is a very special relationship designed to last a lifetime and to give the girls someone with whom they can share all their secrets and desires. The girls begin their friendship at age seven and communicate by sending a silk fan back and forth (as they are in different villages) where they trade

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poems written in nu shu, a unique language that Chinese women created in order to communicate in secret, away from the influence of men. As they grow older, they share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments. They endure the agony of "foot binding" together, reflect upon their arranged marriages, and share in the joys and sorrows of motherhood and loneliness. The bond they share helps them to deal with life as Chinese women and their friendship is deep and enduring. A misunderstanding arises and separates them for some time, but the love and affection they have for one another brings them together in the end and they are again bound to one another through their offspring. This is a short (265 pages) and emotional read, but well worth it.

*Kerry Prindiville
Fresno County Public Law Library*

BOB MARLEY BIOGRAPHY

I have just started reading *The Book of Exodus: The Making and Meaning of Bob Marley and the Wailers' Album of the Century*. "Exodus" was the first reggae album I ever heard and started my lifelong love of the genre. Time magazine named "Exodus" the album of the century not too long ago, and that's where the title of this book comes from.

*Jeremy Sullivan
Greenberg Traurig, LLP*



PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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

"Toward a Global Rule of Law: A Practical Step Toward World Peace," by Joseph N. Pelton, *Futurist*, November 1, 2007, 2007 WLNR 21919161.

In his article, Pelton decries the lack of understanding countries have for each other's legal system, using the Islamic concept of "ummah" or community as an answer. He sees little advancement in world peace until citizens of other countries become knowledgeable about the laws of their neighbors and, rather than insisting on uniformity of thought, embrace diversity. To this end, he describes the formation of the Global Legal Information Network (GLIN) in 1991 as a move in the right direction. GLIN exists as a free database housed at the U.S. Law Library of Congress containing access to the laws of 50 entities, including countries and organizations such as the Arab League and the European Union, searchable in 15 languages.

"Strains and Joys Color Mergers Between Libraries and Tech Units," by Andrea L. Foster, *Chronicle of Higher Education: Money and Management*, January 18, 2008.

Given the increasing digitization of information, many colleges are trying to merge their libraries with their IT departments, often with poor results if the merger is done wrong. Foster describes two examples, Xavier College (a small liberal arts school) and Brandeis University, that seem to have successfully merged their respective library and IT departments, while Gettysburg College's experience was so catastrophic it spawned an ALA paper on how not to make this type of transition.

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NOCALL GRANTS

Grants are available for the NOCALL Spring Institute, March 28, 2008.

Deadline to apply is February 22, 2007.

The application form is available online at <http://www.nocall.org/forms/grantapp.pdf>

Please send completed applications via email, fax or regular mail to:

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“Hiding in Plain Sight: Why Important Government Information Cannot be Found Through Commercial Search Engines,” by OMB Watch, Center for Democracy & Technology, <http://www.cdt.org/righttoknow/>.

Although the 2002 E-Government Act intended to promote access to Government resources and promote governmental transparency, in practice much of the information on government websites remains inaccessible via commercial browsers. This article details many instances of common information searches that would yield no results for the average user, although the information sought was available on the government site. The causes are many, including websites that do not allow web-crawlers or are constructed in a way that cuts down searchability

“A Librarian’s Worst Nightmare,” by Jacob Leibenluft, **Slate Magazine**, Dec. 7, 2007, <http://www.slate.com/id/2179393/>.

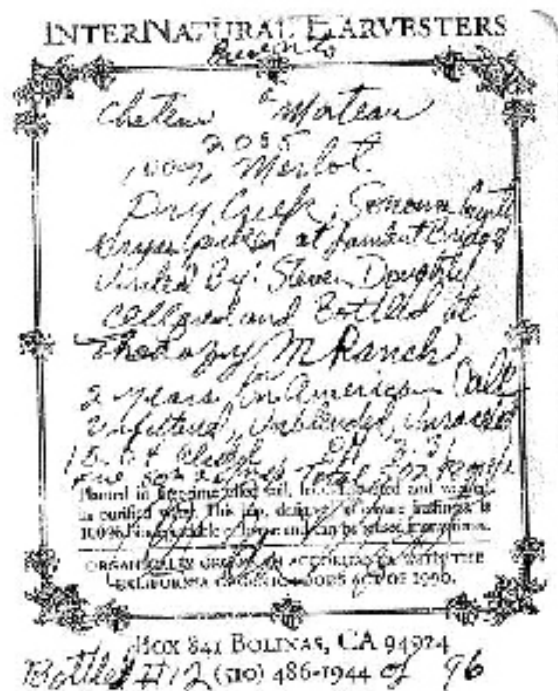
Yahoo managed to succeed in an area that Google failed. Google Answers closed up shop last year, but Yahoo! Answers is growing in popularity and boasts 120 million users. Who are all these people relying on this site to answer their questions? This article discusses the drawbacks of using “Yahoo! Answers” as a means to find information. The author calls it a “complete disaster as a reference tool.” Anyone can try to answer questions posted to Yahoo! Answers, therefore the quality of the answers and the credentials of the person providing the information is unknown. Students who rely on this site for information are just asking for trouble. Some people might compare this site to Wikipedia, but while Wikipedia also has its issues with accuracy, it at least strives to update and self-edit its entries. According to the author of this article, Yahoo! Answers is more devoted to “quantity” not “quality”. On the other hand, Yahoo! Answers will try to answer questions that Wikipedia does not cover. For example, one can go there looking for advice or recommendations to a good restaurant and get instantaneous feedback and back and forth discussions with people. In this respect, the author points out, what Yahoo! Answers does provide is a social networking function.



JOE’S BASEMENT*
By Julie Horst
University of San Francisco

On the last day of November 2007, a gathering of NOCALL members met at the Metreon in San Francisco to see the da Vinci exhibit. The occasion was a big hit. Many of you know that Leonardo da Vinci was an engineer and inventor as well as a painter. This exhibit brought together a number of reproductions of his inventions, many of which were interactive. Afterwards, some of us headed out for a meal at Buca di Beppo*, an Italian restaurant known for its family-style-sized dishes and “what a meatball!” meatballs. Thus ensued terrific conversation and I kept notes. As time and space is limited, I’ve shortened the evening’s topics to this list of interesting facts:

- non-librarianest attendees – Chris (chemical engineer) and Allan (vintner)



- furthest traveled – Kathleen (about 250 miles)
- number of birthdays celebrated that day in our group– 3
- biggest food – ½ pound meatballs
- 3 degrees of separation – Terry’s friend was Jocelyn’s teacher in New Mexico
- waiter’s reference question (upon discovering our profession) – “Where can I find out about 1960s Asian jazz music?”
- most Jaye-Lapachet-lookalike – her mom

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- punishment for children of librarians for not brushing their teeth when told repeatedly – one less book to read at bedtime
- strangest place for an eel bite – Sante Fe, NM
- favorite old cars – ‘67 Mustang, ‘68 Cougar
- new word I learned – “Yoooper”, for the people who live in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan.
- smartest bridge builders – William and his friend
- least likely to read the signs at the exhibit – Tina
- compensation for answering waiter’s reference question – a free plate of gnocchi

After the free food showed up, all I remember is someone mentioning something about a ukelele and then a story of a human eating white-chocolate-covered MilkBones; soon afterwards we headed out our separate ways, places in the city and apartments across the Bay. All in all, it was a fantastic evening and I hope to see YOU at the next event!



2008 SPRING INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Friday March 28th
Napa, California

PLAN FOR SUCCESS WITH PROJECT MANAGEMENT

By Kelly Browne

Many of us wish that we had the skill set to plan our projects in a way that would ensure their success. We often stay so busy putting out fires that we don’t have enough time to invest in the greatest of our ideas, the ones that will earn us recognition, tenure, promotion, the professional satisfaction of knowing we have made a positive difference in people’s lives, or any of the other achievements that can make being a law librarian so worthwhile.

Speaker

Matthew duPlessis, P.E., will lead a workshop on project management that will help you to create a successful project. You will discover how to write a SMART goal, prioritize the triple constraints, create a Work Breakdown Structure, create a task table, and draw a schedule diagram.

As a licensed professional industrial engineer, Matt has been involved in project management for 35 years. For fifteen years he worked in both the public and the private

sectors, managing projects that ranged from short investigative analyses to a new personnel information system to a major transit vehicle renovation that would cost \$18 million.

For the last twenty years Matt has trained people in project management. In addition to his public seminars, private clients have included high tech companies, government agencies, banking, airlines, construction, and retail businesses. Over 10,000 people in five countries on three continents have attended his seminars.

Matt’s simple style of presentation is informative and entertaining. He is a firm believer that everything we do should be fun, especially the learning process. Matt currently lives in Oakland with his wife of forty years and has three children (major projects, all of them). Nowadays, his off-time projects are doing rehabs of his 100-year-old house.

Institute Schedule

The one-day Spring Institute will be divided into two parts. The first half of the day will be a Skills Building Workshop, where Matt will introduce us to the project management process and help us identify tools necessary or helpful to the project management process. After lunch we will break into groups and apply the skills we just learned to a real world project that can be continued after the Institute. Breakout groups include:

- Developing a Competitive Intelligence Program for your Firm
- Developing a “Bridge the Gap” session for your graduating law students or new associates
- Developing an Advocacy Plan for your Law Library

Each breakout group will be led by a NOCALL member with expertise in the particular project and in project management. Applying the skills just learned to a project with which you are generally familiar will help cement the skills. After the breakout groups have completed their work, we will reconvene as a large group and Matt will debrief us and advise on next steps.

Food and Exhibits

There will be plenty of breaks so you can spend some time with the exhibitors and fill up on tasty snacks. Believe me, you won’t go hungry at this Institute! Thomson West is sponsoring a nice breakfast at 8:00 a.m., and Lexis-Nexis is sponsoring the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

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Darcy Kirk, AALL Secretary and Director of the University of Connecticut School of Law, will be our luncheon speaker. Darcy will bring us up to date on all the AALL happenings.

Early Registration and Hotel Discount

We're trying something new this year to entice Spring Institute attendees to register early and to spend Thursday night at the Institute hotel, The Meritage Resort. It really helps the conference planners if we know how many people to plan for, and it really helps the NOCALL budget if we don't have to pay for hotel rooms that are not used, so we're offering a \$50 discount to those (including exhibitors) who register for the Institute prior to March 1, 2008, and an additional \$20 discount if you register prior to March 1 and book a room for Thursday March 27th at the Meritage Resort. The registration form is available [online](#) and will be mailed to the membership the end of January.

The Meritage Resort

The Meritage Resort is in Napa, 42 miles from San Francisco and 60 miles from Sacramento. We have negotiated a fabulous room rate for Thursday night. The Meritage's room rates are usually \$219 to \$249 per night, but Institute attendees may reserve a standard guest room for single or double occupancy at a rate of \$169 plus tax and a \$15 resort fee, per night. There will also be a discounted rate for Friday and Saturday (Monday March 31 is a holiday for some of us, so might as well make a weekend out of it!), but we don't know what that rate is yet.

You may call 866-370-NAPA to make reservations, referencing the special group code NOCALL to receive the discount. Parking at The Meritage Resort is included in the \$15 Resort Fee (as is a "welcome" bottle of house wine!).

You will love The Meritage! It has its own vineyard! Take a look at the Resort's website, <http://www.themeritageresort.com/>. The lavish guestrooms feature oversized terraces, granite counters, tile floors, marble baths, plasma TVs with CD/DVD players, Internet access, and refrigerators. You will also enjoy The Estate Wine Cave, featuring the underground full service Spa Terra, the Estate Wine Bar, where you can sample wines by the glass or pick up a bottle to enjoy in your room, and the award winning Siena restaurant, where chefs use local, seasonal and sustainable ingredients to create stunning meals. There is a heated pool, fire pit, and bocce ball court. There is even a wedding chapel (Our Lady of the Grapes) if you feel so inclined!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Several of us thought than a Friday night excursion on [the Wine Train](#) would be the perfect way to cap off a successful Spring Institute. A scenic round trip (it promises to be light

for half of the three-hour ride) with a four-course dinner including Intermezzo and a "welcome" glass of sparkling wine will cost approximately \$100 per person. If seventeen of us sign up we can get the Vista Dome all to ourselves! Look for more details on the Wine Train Excursion soon.

Thursday night a group of NOCALL members are planning to organize a Bocce Ball Tournament. Everyone is welcome. Again, more details to follow soon.

So, make it your pet project to join me and your NOCALL colleagues for a weekend in wine country that promises to be both personally and professionally rejuvenating. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!



**NOCALL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

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:

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| Joan Loftus 1998 | Mary Ann Parker 2003 |
| Iris Wildman 1999 | David Bridgman 2004 |
| Barbara Friedrich 2000 | Jaye Lapachet 2005 |
| Shirley David 2001 | Judy Janes 2006 |
| Mark Mackler 2002 | Donna Williams 2007 |

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 this year consists of Prano Amjadi, Past President, Mary Ann Parker, Award recipient in 2003, and Lynn Brazil at Heller Ehrman.

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.

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Any Chapter member may submit nominations, and self-nominations will be accepted. All Nominations must be accompanied by a 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 form below as a cover page to the narrative:

On additional pages, 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. The more information you can include about your nominee, the easier it will be for the committee to weigh the merits of each nomination.

Forward completed nominations in confidence to:

Prano Amjadi – pamjadi@scu.edu
Electronic versions are preferred, but paper copies can be sent to:

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Phone Number	
Date	



NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Fenwick & West, Mountain View, CA

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Mission, Vision Statement
3. Strategic Plan
4. Approval of the Budget

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Social Committee
 - a. Bodies Revealed
 - b. Soul of Justice
3. NOCALL Board Cluster Reports
 - a. Prano – Administration
 - b. Julie – Education
 - c. Susan -- Membership
 - d. Shannon – Outreach
 - e. Mary – Recognition
4. Elections
5. May annual meeting
6. Other agenda items

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

Coral Henning called the meeting to order at 10:30. All Board members were present: Coral, Prano Amjadi, Kelly Browne, Shannon Burchard, Julie Horst, Susan Nevelow-Mart, and Mary Sexton.

Coral confirmed that the minutes from the September 19, 2007, Board meeting had been approved via e-mail.

2. Mission, Vision Statement

Coral noted that the mission, vision statement had been well received.

3. Strategic Plan

Coral reported on the ongoing work of the strategic plan task force -- Ellen Platt, Kelly Browne, Tina Dumas and Coral Henning. They are gathering language from other plans, preparing to draft a written plan for NOCALL.

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4. Approval of the Budget

Coral distributed a spreadsheet which Kim Clarke had assembled after polling clusters/committees regarding projected expenditures for 2007-2008. Coral noted that income figures should be added. Shannon offered to supplement that information with a two-year spending history. Julie suggested adding a budget line for social events. Approval of the budget was tabled until the additional information could be presented to the board.

New Business

1. Treasurer's Report

Julie Horst distributed the Treasurer's Report, noting \$39,000 on hand, 348 members, and \$13,400 collected in dues. Dues will increase again in the coming year. Pat Wagner has not yet billed NOCALL for the Fall Institute.

News of a \$2,000 grant for the Spring Institute prompted a brief discussion about the January AALS meeting and law library directors' announced plans to form a new professional association that would not accept vendor sponsorship. Because no vendor has yet made a commitment regarding bags for the Spring Institute, the board discussed the possibility of doing "the green thing," encouraging members to bring their own bags or to donate bags that could be stuffed with programs, etc., then distributed to attendees. Prizes could be offered for the oldest bag, ugliest bag, etc.

2. Social Committee – Julie

a. Bodies Revealed

Tickets are available for Sunday, February 3rd in Sacramento. Coral has seen the exhibit, found it fascinating, offered transportation from the train station and suggested lunch before the exhibit. Because group tickets are not available on weekends, Julie suggested in a subsequent e-mail that NOCALL pay the \$4 per person difference between the regular ticket price and the group price.

b. Soul of Justice

Susan has reserved a room for the screening and made arrangements for a reception at Hastings on February 22 from 2-4. The movie's director will attend. A small fee is planned to recoup the cost of the screening. Tours of Hastings' new library will be offered after.

3. NOCALL Board Cluster Reports

a. Prano – Administration

- (AALL Liaison) Darcy Kirk will be the AALL guest for the Spring Institute.
- (Audit & Budget) Kim Clarke will present another budget this Spring and annual budgets will be scheduled for the spring in future years.
- (Nominations) A slate is being assembled for 2008.

b. Julie – Education [Social]

- (Education) Pat Wagner has not yet presented a bill for the Fall Institute (estimated to be about \$1,500). To date the workshop made money; when Wagner's bill is paid it will have broken even.
- (Spring Institute 2007) Last year's Spring Institute made money.

c. Susan -- Membership

- (Academic Relations) Amy Wright has reported to the AALL recruitment committee, requesting financial support for handouts, etc., to be used in NOCALL's recruiting efforts. Amy will be resigning from the committee because of other commitments.
- (Membership) Greg Fite and Ramona Martinez have completed the NOCALL directory and supplement.
- (Placement) Mary Staats has posted 40 jobs and has been notified that about five have been filled.

d. Shannon – Outreach

- (Public Relations) Diane Rodriguez has been meeting all publication deadlines.

e. Mary – Recognition

- (Grants) Teresa Dippery is preparing to publicize grants for the Spring Institute. Coral or Kelly will contact her to suggest additional committee members and ways to publicize upcoming grant opportunities in the NOCALL newsletter and on the webpage.

4. Elections – Electronic Ballots again?

There were no objections to Coral's suggestion that electronic ballots be used again for the 2008 election.

5. May annual meeting

The annual meeting will again be held at the Marines Memorial. Coral later confirmed by e-mail that the date will be May 7th, with a Board Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. and the Business Meeting at noon. West has offered \$2,500 to defray expenses.

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6. Other agenda items?

As past president and chair of the Awards Committee, Prano suggested presenting the outgoing NOCALL president with a plaque at the end of his/her presidential year, rather than at the end of the subsequent year when the past president traditionally serves at the chair of Awards. Prano also suggested changing the deadline for selecting the recipient of the professional achievement award, from the current April 15th to April 1st. She will announce that award and request nominations in the next NOCALL newsletter.

Susan called the board's attention to the work she, Schelle Simcox, and others have been doing planning a large conference for mid-2009 about legal research training for summer associates. Although NOCALL has not yet been involved as an institution, several board members were enthusiastic about becoming involved. Shannon suggested inviting a legal research and writing professor as a V.I.P. guest to AALL this summer.

Kelly Browne discussed the status of plans for the Spring Institute on Project Management, March 28th in Napa at the Meritage Resort. A morning presentation will be followed by break-out sessions in the afternoon: competitive intelligence, bridge the gap instruction, and advocating for the library. Leaders/facilitators for the afternoon groups were suggested; they will be encouraged to attend March training workshops on project management.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sexton
NOCALL Secretary



NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Fenwick & West, Mountain View, CA

PROPOSED MINUTES

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Strategic Plan

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Social Events
3. Spring Institute
4. Highlights from the NOCALL Board Cluster Reports
5. Member Comments?

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

Coral Henning thanked LexisNexis for the pizzas, West for the speaker and Sharon Lahey of Fenwick & West for inviting us to her firm, then called the meeting to order at 12:15. There were approximately 25 people present. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2007, business meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

2. Strategic Plan

Coral reported on the work of the task force formed to put what we learned about strategic planning at the 2007 Spring Institute into action. The vision statement had been distributed. NOCALL items are available from Café Press (www.cafepress.com). Members of the task force -- Ellen Platt, Kelly Browne, Tina Dumas and Coral Henning -- have been meeting via conference call and are gathering language from other plans, preparing to draft a written plan for NOCALL.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report

In addition to distributing copies of the treasurer's report, Julie Horst noted that income had increased and there are now about 350 NOCALL members. NOCALL made money on the Fall Workshop, but has not yet paid the speaker. A new budget line will be added for Social Events.

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2. Social Events

Julie also announced that tickets were available for *Bodies Revealed* in Sacramento. She asked people with ideas for future social events to contact her (e.g., a day at the races, the croquet courts). About 20 people attended the holiday party at Georgine O'Connor's home. It was so successful that she offered to host another party next year. There will be a Christmas luncheon the last Thursday in January in Sacramento at the Casa de los Niños. Anyone interested in attending should contact Erin Murphy at U.C. Davis, eamurphy@ucdavis.edu, 530 752-3327.

The screening of *Soul of Justice* on February 22 at Hastings College of Law, followed by a reception and tour, was also announced. It will cost approximately \$10, to defray the cost of screening.

3. Spring Institute

The Spring Institute will be held in Napa on March 28th, from 8:00 to 5:00, at the Meritage Resort. A morning skills building session on Project Management will be followed by three group projects in the afternoon on competitive intelligence, "bridging the gap" to be led by Susan Nevelow-Mart, and advocacy planning to be led by Donna Williams. Lexis will sponsor lunch and West will sponsor breakfast. Plans for a social event, such as a bocci ball tournament, are not finalized but will be announced in advance. To encourage early registration, discounts on registration and hotel rooms will be offered to those who register before March 1st.

4. Highlights from the NOCALL Board Cluster Reports

Coral summarized board member reports from the clusters:

Administration: Darcy Kirk, AALL Secretary will be the NOCALL speaker at the Spring Institute
 Education: The Fall Workshop was a success. Pat Wagner may be invited back to speak again.
 Membership: Mary Staats posted 40 jobs and at least five have been filled.
 Outreach: Diane Rodriguez encouraged article submissions.
 Academic Relations: There will be an opening for a new chair when Amy Wright leaves that position.
 Awards: Prano requests nominations for the professional recognition reward.

4. Member Comments?

Sharon Lahey noted that Cynthia Papermaster's job had been eliminated when Gibson Dunn and Crutcher closed their San Francisco and Palo Alto libraries.

Jenny Kanji reminded NOCALL of the LexisNexis holiday parties on January 18th at the Allied Arts Center and January 17th at the Sheraton in San Francisco.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sexton
 NOCALL Secretary

NOCALL EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The NOCALL Education Committee is pleased to bring you the screening of the documentary ***SOUL OF JUSTICE: THELTON HENDERSON'S AMERICAN JOURNEY***, presented by director Abby Ginzberg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

The movie screening ends at 4:00, but there will be tours of the new Hastings College of the Law Library for those that are interested in seeing their new space

The deadline for Registering is February 15, 2008.

Additional information is available at <http://www.nocall.org/calendararchive/2008/SoulofJustice-FlyerInfo.doc>
 The registration form is at <http://www.nocall.org/calendararchive/2008/SoulofJustice-RegistrationForm.doc>



MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Caveat Citator (Or Why Shepardizing Your Cases Isn't Always Enough) by J. Paul Lomio, Library Director and Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. **San Francisco Daily Journal**, page 7, January 31, 2008.

Second Life Lawspot: Creating a Law Library in a Virtual World by Kate Fitz, Public Services Librarian at the Sacramento County Public Law Library. **San Francisco Daily Journal**, page 7, December 27, 2007.

Real Law in the Virtual World by Chuleenan Svetvilas **California Lawyer**, pg. 23, January 2008. Includes a profile of Kate Fitz, Public Services Librarian at the Sacramento County Public Law Library.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2006-2007/2007-2008 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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Directory Update: All the files are in the hands of the Daily Journal for processing. We hope to be sending out the new directory soon. Thanks for your patience.

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No new changes to report.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details, see <http://www.nocall.org/calendar.html>